









## WEST RIVER PIRACY.

## PATROLLING THE SOUTHERN WATERWAYS.

SUGGESTIONS BY THE BRITISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

[From a Correspondent.]

Canton, 14th October, 1907.

I forward you herewith literal translations of three important telegrams that have been exchanged between the Waiwupu at Peking and the Canton Viceroy. These telegrams, despatches relating to the question of the patrolling of the West River and the pirate-infested waterways of South China. It will be seen from one of these despatches that the British Commander-in-Chief has been in conference with H.B.M.'s Minister at Peking by whom representations were made to the Waiwupu. The most important of these recommendations refers to the control of the cruising fleet to be built for the purpose of river patrol. Admiral Moore's views on the matter appear to exactly fit with those of the *Hongkong Telegraph* which, over a year ago, after the *Salam* tragedy, advocated for the vesting of the river-patrol into the hands of the Commissioner of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

Appended are the telegrams:—

[Telegram from the Board of Foreign Affairs to the Viceroy of Liang Kwang.]

H.E. Viceroy of Kwangtung, "Hung" (H). The British Minister has represented that the four additional fast cruisers for the West River should be placed under the control of the Commissioner of the Imperial Maritime Customs. The British Admiral also stated that the cruisers in the province of Kwangtung are unfit for service.

We ought to lose no time in ameliorating this state of affairs to avoid their interference.

Now, having arranged with the Ministry of Revenue to put aside the sum of Tls. 200,000 for initiating the river patrol scheme, we should give orders for the purchase of the new boats for active service, as not to give foreigners any cause for complaint.

It is, however, expedient to distinguish the right of control.

We propose to lay the responsibility of arresting pirates upon the local officials and that of searching for smugglers on the Customs.

Please arrange with the Customs. Please also arrange with the Commissioner as to the proper method for conducting this matter. In the meantime, a permanent fund for this expenditure should be raised, and the matter should be given attention without delay.

The British Admiral will be in Canton next month, and it will be opportune for you to find out the indicated horse-power and speed of these cruisers so as to promote mutual understanding.

Reply by telegram at once.

(Sd.), WAIWUPU "Siu" (H).

[Telegram from the Board of Foreign Affairs to the Viceroy of Liang Kwang.]

H.E. Viceroy of Kwangtung, "Hung" (H). The British Minister has called with Admiral (Moore) and alleged that British steamers have repeatedly been robbed on the West River to the detriment of British trade and prestige.

The case of piracy that occurred two months ago was a serious one. The Chinese cruisers were said to be incapable of arresting any of the pirates, who became bolder every day because the officials did not exert themselves and their system of policing was deplorable. He said that his duty was to protect British interests.

If China was not going to effect speedy reform he had to take the matter into his hands. Now robbers are always prevalent in the province of Kwangtung and cases of piracy are happening too frequently on the West River. The local officials do not exert themselves in arresting the pirates and foreigners have good cause for complaint.

A speedy reform is truly necessary. In the first place, guard-boats should be strictly ordered to keep a vigilant watch over the river and arrest all the pirates; and in the second place, magistrates of districts along the river should be strictly ordered to detect and clear all the lairs of robbers in the interior. Rewards should be offered, and time restricted, for the apprehension and punishment of all the pirates connected with each and every case of piracy hitherto reported.

Acting Admiral Ch'un has been an able officer and it is for you to decide whether he should be instructed to take charge of the matter for the safety of native and foreign merchants so as to avoid losses taken by foreigners for their interference.

This is a matter touching the prestige of the State and you must strictly order all the civil and military officers under you to make a diligent search without lapsing into the least carelessness. You should communicate to us by wire how you propose to proceed in the matter any time in future.

(Sd.), WAIWUPU "Hap" (H).

[Telegram from the Viceroy to the Board of Foreign Affairs.]

Their Excellencies the Board of Foreign Affairs, "Hung" (H).

Telegrams marked Siu and Hap have been carefully perused.

With reference to the matter of purchasing additional fast cruisers for the West River, the Ministry of Revenue has been ordered to lay aside the sum of Tls. 200,000 for defraying the initial expenses of four powerful and fast steam cruisers [gunboats] should be purchased without delay in accordance with your instructions and the matter attended to properly.

Piracy is an endemic crime in the province of Kwangtung since time immemorial. If a thorough investigation be not undertaken and effectual regulations not formulated, it would be impossible to effect any reform. I will report the manner of conducting the affair for your approval after consulting with the Acting Admiral Ch'un.

But there is a great deal of inconvenience if the additional cruisers now proposed be placed under the control of the Commissioner of Customs as requested by the British Minister.

It is an unquestionable fact that the Commissioner has no power of a Superintendent of Police and interference out of his jurisdiction is not permissible. The sphere of influence should be distinctly defined and only the right of searching for smugglers be under his control. For this service there are sufficient launches at the disposal of the Maritime Customs and no more need be added for the present.

Moreover, the proposal for additional cruisers is a special feature for the Police and has nothing to do with the searching for smugglers.

The West River from Chuechow and Wuchow upwards to the Chikiang estuary is every day infested with pirates and the means for the patrolling thereof with the four additional cruisers as now proposed is still con-

dered inadequate, and therefore it is impossible for them to perform the duty of revenue cruisers at the same time. Besides, the local Government is responsible for the policing of a place.

Therefore even were these cruisers required to search for smugglers, they should still be under the control of the local authorities and not digress to be tampered with.

No foreigner should interfere with the matter as to who shall take charge, because it is a policy of internal government.

New I request you to reply to the British Minister promising that four additional fast steam cruisers shall be purchased for the province of Kwangtung and a strict Police system will be undertaken for the protection of the province. But the service shall be under the control of the Admiral while the Commissioner cannot be allowed to take charge as it will interfere with the right of self-government.

I beg of you to thus reply and adhere to this argument in protesting against his interference.

(Sd.), YEN CHUN, "Ho" (H).

## SECRETARY TART'S FLAG.

"McGILLAN'S" MYSTERIOUS SYMBOL EXPLAINED.

While the *McGillan* was lying in Hongkong harbour some speculation arose over the flag which flew from the mainmast. The explanation is given by the *Cablenews* in the following article:—

When the transport *McGillan* approaches Corregidor next week bound for Manila with the Secretary of War on board, the first thing which will attract the attention of the signal officer on watch, if it be daylight, will be the flag flying from the vessel's mainmast. No other will be necessary to inform the signalman that the Secretary of War is fast approaching, for it will be as clearly read as though it was a huge tablet with a full description written upon its face.

It may be of interest to those who are not familiar with this flag to give a brief description of its characteristics, thus enabling us to easily recognize it when seen.

The field of the Secretary of War's flag is red. An eagle with wings outspread, facing the observer and resting upon the national coat of arms, is worked in the centre of the flag. This figure is very similar to that shown on each of the coins in circulation in the Philippines. In its right claw a branch of olives is held; in the left a bunch of arrows. Immediately above the head of the great bird is a white circular halo, inside of which are placed thirteen stars, while the eagle holds in its beak a white ribbon with the legend "E Pluribus Unum" appearing thereon. Placed near each corner is a large, white star.

Blue, yellow, white and black bunting enter into the make-up of this flag which is of a design more difficult to make than the President's, as it differs from the Chief Executive's in that it has the four stars in the corners while the President's does not appear. The President's flag is, with the exception, exactly similar to the Secretary of War's. The latter, as stated above, has a red field and a star in each corner, while the former has a blue field and no star in the corners.

The flag which is on board the *McGillan* was ordered last week by Captain Scott of the Quarter-master's Department, Manila. The Army was without a Secretary of War flag of the dimensions desired and it was left to the Quarter-master to secure one and that without undue delay. The Army, having no facilities for making this design, called upon the Cavite naval station to supply their needs. The navy storekeeper was unable to furnish the desired article but suggested that one could be manufactured at the station and completed before the sailing of the *McGillan* for Hongkong.

A rush order was placed with the Equipment Department and the Equipment Officer, Lieutenant Commander J. R. Edie, after an interview with the master sailmaker, Mr. E. Valmas, advised that the flag would be manufactured and delivered to Captain Scott in time to allow of its being put on board the *McGillan* prior to her sailing.

For five days fifteen seamstresses under the direction of Mr. Valmas worked faithfully on the flag, the intricate design of which made it necessary to employ hand needle-work to make the feathers, claws, olive branch, arrows, etc.

As completed, the handsome and carefully made flag measures 12 by 24 feet and cost, including labour and material, about 150 pesos. The sail loft employees are now engaged in making a second one of these large flags for use by the Navy and also one of smaller size which is intended for use on small boats or launches.

There is probably no flag carried by the Army or Navy which is more difficult to manufacture than the Secretary of War's flag, and the sail loft employees deserve much credit for the expeditious and careful manner in which orders given them are executed.

## THE SHANGHAI TAOAISHIP.

The *N. C. D. News*, of 9th inst., says:—The promotion of Tactai, Jui Ching to the position of official whose duties have brought him for nearly two years into close touch with the foreign community of this port. It is natural that during this period the executive of the Settlement should have found himself always in agreement with His Honour, and that from time to time correspondence more or less acrimonious should have punctuated the smooth course of international relations. But there has been nothing to affect the general esteem in which Tactai Jui has been held by all who have made his acquaintance, while on many occasions ready acts of courtesy performed at the request of this or that foreign official have indicated a disposition to promote when possible general harmony in the Settlement.

The Shanghai Tactai, it is well to recall, is also one under authority, and there can be little doubt that the anticipations formed when Viceroy Tuen Feng was appointed to Yangking have met their fulfilment in part in the improved relations between Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai. Quite recently we have had occasion to express the general satisfaction felt with Tactai Jui's action in issuing proclamations on the subject of the infringement of trade-marks. As far as Shanghai is concerned a point has thus been gained which might have been postponed indefinitely, if we had had to wait for action on the part of the Imperial Government. This community may well congratulate Tactai Jui on his promotion, and it will be hoped that his tenure of office in Shanghai will make for harmony in all his future dealings with foreigners as an able and trusted official of the Imperial Government.

The appointment of His Honour M. T. Liang to Shanghai is a welcome innovation, as the new appoint will be the first English-speaking occupant of the post. His education abroad cannot fail to promote a more ready understanding in his dealings with foreigners, and we look forward with confidence to a marked improvement during his régime in the relations between the two sections of the company.

## H.E. WU TING FANG.

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE CHINESE COMMUNITY.

A select circle of the Chinese friends of H.E. Wu Ting Fang, Minister-designate for China to Washington, have decided to entertain His Excellency at an informal dinner this week. When Dr. Wu was first appointed to the United States as the representative for China, the native community of Hongkong entertained him at a banquet at the City Hall at which there was present a large and representative gathering of the foreign and native communities. But on the present occasion it has been decided that the entertainment should be of an entirely private character.

Mr. Wu is due to leave for the North by the Great Northern S.S. Co.'s steamer *Minerva*. It is believed that he will proceed to Peking for an Imperial audience before resuming his journey to the States.

In view of His Excellency's forthcoming departure the following items from the senior Shanghai paper are of interest:—

H.E. Wu Ting Fang, who has been appointed successor to Sir Chen Jung Liang Ching at Washington, Canton, Chinese states, has tried to refuse the post on the score of ill health. The Central Government, however, has refused to accept his Excellency's plea and it is probable that he will have to go up North some time next month.

A eulogistic telegram in the name of a number of wealthy and influential Chinese doing business in the United States was lately received by the Waiwupu, advocating the appointment of Mr. Chen Jung Liang Ching as Chinese Legation at Washington, as the proper successor to Sir Chen Jung Liang Ching. The Waiwupu, however, replied that H.E. Wu Ting Fang, late Junior Vice-President of the Board of Pensions, had already been re-appointed to the United States as Minister.

## THE SUGAR TRADE.

A JAPANESE COMPLAINT.

The *Osaka Mainichi* complains of the action of the Japan Sugar Refining Company, Limited, since it allowed the Daiichi Sugar Refining Mill, in buying up the Daiichi Mill, and thus monopolizing the sugar refining business in Japan, it is pointed out, the company declared that it would concentrate its business upon the extension of the market abroad and check the rise in the price of sugar at home, thus endeavouring to avoid the usual attendant evils of monopolies. The company, however, has entirely ignored this declaration, and has availed itself of the advance in the market of raw sugar to raise the price of sugar. Since the absorption of the Daiichi Mill, the company has been improving its business methods. The *Osaka Journal* contends that it is only proper for the company to change old methods in order to save working expenses and increase profits, but the company should not lose sight of the fact that as it tries to multiply its profits, so the price of sugar advances, to the inconvenience and loss of the public. It is to be deplored that the company shows a tendency to ignore its former declaration, and to plunge into the evils of a monopolized business. There is some excuse for a company resorting to such a course if its business is not paying, but the company in question has been making good profits, as is shown by the fact that it was able to pay a dividend of 20 per cent. even for the last half-year—a period of depression for the sugar market. Without raising the price of sugar, the company should be able to make a larger profit than before by the saving of expenses incurred by competition, which the amalgamation with the Daiichi Mill has rendered unnecessary. 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## INTERPORT SHOOTING MATCH.

## HONGKONG'S SCORE.

## BEATS SINGAPORE BY NINE POINTS.

In warm weather with bright light and tricky wind, the Hongkong team in the Interport Shooting Match fired at 200, 500 and 600 yards targets at Kowloon Park Range last Friday afternoon. Hongkong's total score is 938, thus beating Singapore by 9 points. Appended are the individual scores—

	200	500	600	Total
Capt. Lamont, H.K.V.C.	29	33	29	91
Sergeant Lapsley	31	35	34	100
Corporal Marshall	31	27	32	90
Gr. I. C. Cole	31	31	30	92
Mr. A. Jenkins, V.R.A.	34	38	32	104
Mr. J. C. Gow	31	31	27	89
Mr. H. H. Pidgeon	31	33	32	96
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Sergeant Lawrence, R.N.	32	32	33	97
Sergeant Sayers, 3rd Mid.	32	33	33	98
	312	311	315	938

The complete record is as follows:—

1889: Shanghai, 819; Singapore, 777; Hongkong, 777.
1890: No match.
1891: Hongkong, 867; Shanghai, 830; Singapore, 741.
1892: Hongkong, 835; Shanghai, 810; Singapore, 752.
1893: Hongkong, 811; Shanghai, 803; Singapore, 768.
1894: Hongkong, 813; Singapore, 817; Shanghai, 760.
1895: Singapore, 914; Shanghai, 903; Hongkong, 879.
1896: Hongkong, 916; Shanghai, 900; Singapore, 879.
1897: Singapore, 934; Hongkong, 916; Shanghai, 860.
1898: Hongkong, 934; Singapore, 913; Shanghai, 813.
1899: Hongkong, 951; Singapore, 926; Shanghai, 887.
1900: Hongkong, 901; Singapore, 909; Shanghai, 900.
1901: Hongkong, 901; Singapore, 834; Shanghai, 841; Penang, 721.
1902: Shanghai, 926; Singapore, 893; Hongkong, 810; Penang, 871.
1903: Singapore, 917; Shanghai, 915; Hongkong, 891; Penang, 750.
1904: Singapore, 919; Hongkong, 919; Shanghai, 908.
1905: Hongkong, 923; Shanghai, 889; Singapore, 860.
1906: Shanghai, 936; Singapore, 900; Hongkong, 891.
1907: Hongkong, 938; Singapore, 929.

## "GAY TIMES" IN THE CITY.

## SEAMEN AT THE MAGISTRATE.

As the result of staring the wine, or to be correct, the whisky, out of countenance, until it made them feel dizzy and gave them the time to paint the town a vivid vermilion, a number of seamen, who applied and got shore leave on Saturday and Sunday found themselves out of pocket when they had seen the magistrate this morning.

John Cassidy, a seaman of the steamer *Anti-lockus*, was the first to face the music. He pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and forfeited \$2. He was followed by John Connell, an A.B. belonging to the *Tamar*. From the charges that were entered against him, Connell appeared to have been working pretty hard at Hingham early this morning. He was charged with assaulting Chan Tai, an amah; disorderly behaviour at 5, Shing On Lane (which, in other words, meant playing high jinks with the furniture); punching Police-constable Attwell about his manly chest, and disorderly conduct in the Hingham Police Station, which Sergeant Watt considered a "very serious" matter. The charges were entered against him, Connell did not remember a thing of the matter, but he pleaded guilty to all of the charges. He left the court-room the loser by \$12. Then followed Osha Zabalista, of the *Manila*, and William Schultz, of the *barque Lantini*. The complaint lodged against them was "making things uncomfortable" for pedestrians in Connaught Road Central on Saturday night, for which they also had to leave something with the sheriff at the Magistrate's. The next on record was Alexander William, of the *Stallion*, Home, and Andrew A. Habick, of the *Macduff*. Both were charged with being "drunk and disorderly" at West Point. A widow—Leung Loi—of P. Western Street—lodged a second charge, namely, assault, against Habick. But as both failed to appear when the case was called on, an order to arrest their bail ended the matter.

## IMPORTING OPIUM.

## GERMAN CAPTAIN FINED \$100.

The *Singapore Free Press* of 5th inst. says: Captain Wolf of the German steamer *Petchaburi* appeared before Mr. Michell, the senior magistrate, yesterday, on an allegation of importing opium. The charge was made by the small, but was represented by Mr. Ellis. Mr. C. I. Carver conducted the prosecution.

Police Sergeant Murrell said that on "Tuesday morning he found ninety-nine tins of opium on board the *Petchaburi*. The tins were concealed under the captain's bunk and chest of drawers.

Evidence was also given by Mr. Darke and the Farm tester. The tester said the opium came from Swatow and was valued at \$2,000. He knew it was Swatow opium by the smell.

Captain Wolf said his vessel arrived here on the 1st inst. from Amoy. He was last in Swatow on 13th July. He had strict instructions to search the ship during a voyage and when passengers arrived. The officers and himself thoroughly searched the vessel the day before he arrived. He did not think anyone would dare hide things in his own cabin.

When witness went ashore he looked up his cabin. This was the first time he had ever seen a tin of opium although he had been four years on the ship. Once at Bangkok a quartermaster was caught smuggling a few tins, and was "fined" two years.

By Mr. Carver: He did not tell Mr. Darke he looked the cabin when he went on the bridge. Naturally, he suspected that his "boy" was implicated in the present case.

In answer to Mr. Ellis, Captain Wolf said there was a mark on one of the windows of his cabin which looked as if the window had been forced open.

He, chief officer, said he searched the vessel thoroughly. The chief engineer corroborated.

Mr. Ellis said that was all the evidence he had to call.

Mr. Wolf said it was perfectly clear the ship had been used for importing opium. He thought the justice of the case would be best by fining the Captain \$100 and confiscating the opium.

## WILLIAM POWELL, LTD.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of shareholders of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., was held at the Company's establishment at noon last Saturday. There were present Messrs. E. H. Hinds (presiding), G. C. Moxon, Harry Eyrre (manager), H. J. J. Jones, J. M. Wong and J. H. Smith. The notice calling the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, The report and accounts for the past year's working have been in your possession for some days, I will, with your permission, follow the usual custom and consider them read. You will notice that the net amount of credit of profit and loss account is \$2,640,977 which is proposed to deal with by writing off stock of \$1,500, and doubtful debts \$2,099,16 and to carry the balance forward. You will also notice that your directors recommend that the sum of \$4,500 standing to the credit of equalization of dividend fund be absorbed and that the stock be written down accordingly. This item having been invested in the business of the Company is not of a liquid nature, and presuming that it was utilised for the purpose of paying a dividend, it would make our indebtedness to the bank larger by this amount. On these grounds, we trust it will meet with your approval. It would perhaps be as well to state that the amount at credit of investments represents five shares in the Union Insurance Society of Canton. These were bought for the purpose of obtaining the bonus on contributions to shareholders. The dividend and bonus more than covers the interest on this amount, whilst the present market value is considerably in excess of that appearing in the account. Your directors very much regret that they cannot recommend the payment of a dividend; business throughout the Colony has been abnormally slack, but notwithstanding that we have had to meet increased competition it is gratifying to know that our turnover has been almost equal to the previous year, a proof that our store maintains its standing and popularity, and we have every reason to hope that with changes and economies which have been effected, the Company will return to a dividend-paying stage next year. Our manager who has just returned from Europe informs us that we are well stocked with up-to-date goods, and with the selections he has made at home of fancy articles, we are in a position to cope with the demand, which is sure to come so soon as the waves of depression have passed over. Gentlemen, that is all I have to say, but I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to put.

There were no questions asked. The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wong seconded.

On the motion of Mr. Wong, seconded by Mr. Eyrre, Messrs. Hinds and Moxon were re-elected directors.

Mr. Percy Smith was re-elected auditor, on the motion of Mr. Moxon, seconded by Mr. J. J. Jones.

That was all the business. The Chairman regretted that there was no dividend, but hoped there would be next time.

## TROUBLE ON THE "GANDIA."

## INDIAN FIREMEN REFUSE TO WORK.

Forty-one Indian firemen belonging to the P. and O. Gandia were brought before Captain Radcliffe, Master Attendant, in the Marine Court, yesterday, on an allegation of refusing duty, reports the *Singapore Free Press* of the 5th inst.

When charged, the lascars, pleaded no guilt, and said they had been badly treated by the chief engineers. They refused to work.

Capt. Radcliffe ordered three of the accused to make a complaint at the Shipping Office and the others to go on board at once.

The accused refused to obey this order. Capt. Radcliffe ordered the Court to be cleared, and Police Sergeant Dickson and three constables removed the men from the room. They offered no resistance.

A coal trimmer of the same vessel then pleaded guilty to refusing to obey orders.

Captain Owen Jones of the *Gandia* said that last Sunday morning eight firemen came to interview him. Three of them had wounds, one a wound on his head, another an abrasion on the knee and the other a sore foot. All these wounds they said had been just caused by the chief engineer, William Scott, for the chief engineer and received a message that he could not come as he was wounded and was being examined by the surgeon. Witness got the surgeon to examine the three firemen and he said none of the wounds had been caused that day. The accused was the head man of the coal trimmers who complained to him. Witness ordered him to work on three occasions and he refused. He reduced him to coal trimmer from seaman.

Capt. Radcliffe: Then you have already punished him. He can't be punished twice for an offence.

Witness: But he refused to work several times after that.

Capt. Radcliffe: Discharged.

Mr. Hauwwell (of the P. and O. Company): "The charge was entered properly, but owing to the stupidity of the clerk here it has been put wrong in the charge sheet."

Capt. Radcliffe: I can help that. You have had two chances to put it right.

Another fireman was also charged with using criminal force to the chief engineer. Capt. Radcliffe said he was charged under the penal code and the case must go to the police court.

Mr. Hauwwell said the *Gandia* was leaving to-day.

Capt. Jones inquired if the charge could be amended in the other case. It was not his fault, but the stupidity of the Court clerk.

Capt. Radcliffe: It has been dealt with. You should get a lawyer if you don't understand the charges.

## ROBBING A SHIPMATE.

## "LAWHILL'S" COOK SENT TO GAOL.

Walter John Sinterock, a cook employed on board the sailing ship *Lawhill*, was arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazelland, last Monday, at the Police Court, on a charge of theft. John Sinterock, a young apprentice, was the complainant, and he accused the cook of stealing a purse containing five sovereigns from him on Saturday.

Accused pleaded guilty to the indictment.

His Worship: What happened in the case? Inspector Gourlay said that at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon the ship's boatswain saw accy go to the complainant's box, open it, and remove the purse. With one sovereign accused managed to get ashore and with another he bought himself a suit. He was then arrested.

His Worship: When does your ship leave, captain?

Captain: On the 15th December.

Accused was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

## THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

## MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The eleventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, was held at the town depot, 1, Lower Albert Road, last Monday afternoon. Those present were: Mr. Francis Meland (chairman), Dr. J. W. Noble, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Mr. E. J. Hinds (director), Messrs. Walker (manager), A. Stevenson, Mr. Masak (acting secretary) and Chan Tong.

The notice calling the meeting was read.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, The report and accounts have been in your hands some days and, with your permission, I will do the usual course and take them as read. I understand in having two serious attacks of sickness among the cattle which caused your manager, Mr. Walker, and directors much anxiety; however, we are now quite over it and the herd is well and healthy. Every precaution is taken to keep out disease, and our thanks are due to your manager for his special exertions during trying times. Notwithstanding this drawback, our policy of writing down on assets and building up a reserve from profits followed for many years past has gone a long way towards enabling us to place before you a by no means bad account, and I am glad to tell you that all our subsidiary businesses are now on a paying basis and help to augment our profits to an appreciable degree. It is our desire to place before our customers the purest of our milk and cream and the best obtainable of butter, cheese, hams, bacon, chickens, game, ducks, turkeys and Australian frozen meat. Our secretary was granted leave of absence for eight months and he should return in a few weeks. Mr. Masak has acted in his stead and has given your directors satisfaction. I trust you will approve of the appropriations as set forth in the accounts and report. Your directors after careful thought decided to discontinue fire and typhoon insurance, except fire insurance on the town depot, and \$5,000 of the profit and loss account to start fire and typhoon insurance fund. Our risks are well scattered and a saving of about \$2,000 per annum in premium will be effected. It is recommended that a sum of not less than \$2,000 be added to the typhoon and fire fund each year out of the profits. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

No questions were asked.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Stevenson seconded.

Mr. Walker proposed the re-election of Mr. F. Meland and Mr. E. J. Hinds to the directorate. Mr. Chan Tong seconded.

Carried.

Mr. Stevenson proposed that Mr. W. H. Pott be re-elected auditor. Mr. Walker seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman: Thank you for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are ready now.

That terminated the meeting.

## ANOTHER ILLICIT POSTMAN.

## JUST ARRIVED FROM AMERICA.

Before Mr. F. A. Hazelland, at the Police Court, this morning, Chan Ping of 156, Connaught Road Central, was charged with bringing letters into the Colony without permission from the Postmaster-General.

"There is no post office where I came from," was defendant's excuse.

His Worship inquired of Mr. Savage, who represented the Postmaster, if that was so.

Mr. Savage: He came from Macao, your Worship.

Defendant: I did not come from Macao. I came on the *Kinshan*.

Sergeant Davitt: There is a postal box on every steamer, your Worship.

Defendant: I have just arrived from America and did not know the rules.

Sergeant Davitt said that at about eleven o'clock yesterday morning he was on duty at the Canton wharf when the *Sui Tai* came in. When defendant asked him to let him have letters and found letters on him. These were from America and addressed to different houses in Hongkong.

A fine of \$100 was imposed, the alternative being two months' imprisonment.

## WATER RETURN.

Level and storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st October.

LEVEL.

1906. 1907.

Tytam (overflow) 1006' 2' above 1007' 2' above

Byewash (overflow) 1006' 2' above 1007' 2' above

Tytam Low Level (overflow) 1006' 2' above 1007' 2' above

Pokfulum (overflow) 1006' 2' above 1007' 2' above

Wong-nai-chung (overflow) 1006' 2' above 1007' 2' above

STORAGE GALLONS.

1906. 1907.

Tytam 399,320,000 407,000,000

Byewash 25,847,000 25,908,000

Tytam Low Level 156,189,000 156,189,000

Pokfulum 70,220,000 69,800,000

Wong-nai-chung 31,678,000 31,260,000

Total 577,060,000 573,417,000

Consumption of water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of September.

1906. 1907.

Consumption (estimated population) 234,900 205,567

Consumption per head per day 16.9 23.6 gallons

Rider Mains in operation up to 17th and constant supply during the remainder of the month of September, 1906. Constant supply during the whole of the month of September, 1907.

The return of consumption is subject to error owing to the difficulty of accurate measurement whilst the extension works at Albany Filter Beds are in progress.

Consumption of water in Kowloon Peninsula during the month of September.

1906. 1907.

Kowloon New Reservoir 112,000,000 gallons

Consumption 14,844,000 23,611,000

Estimated population 81,000 99,700

Consumption per head per day 61 90 gallons

The return of consumption is not very reliable at various works at present in progress in connection with the distribution system and the fixing of fire hydrants.

The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATMAN, Water Authority.

## THE INTERPORT CRICKET MATCH.

## PROBABLE SHANGHAI TEAM.

It has been definitely arranged that the Shanghai Interport Cricket team will leave Shanghai for Hongkong on November 21, by the P. & O. *Aradale*. The constitution of the team is now out of the principal topics for discussion, says the *N. C. D. News* of to-day, and the selection committee will doubtless have a difficult task to satisfy the critics. There still remains more than a month for practice, during which developments may be expected, but on the whole, from the preliminary statement and from the Defendant's allegation that the team to represent Shanghai will be chosen from the following:—

1. L. Walker. Whose sound judgment and experience entitle him to the captaincy of the XI. Weak eyesight now handicaps his batting but, when once set, he scores rapidly, and is good in the field at cover point. A moderate change bowler.

2. Captain R. J. M. Barrett. Undoubtedly the best batsman in Shanghai. Is apt to take risks against weak bowling, but against good bowling is a splendid example to our younger batsmen, as he plays himself well in and then, when the bowlers' patience is becoming exhausted, is a punishing batsman. As a change bowler, often gets wickets with his "donkey" drops, and is a safe fielder at mid-off and in the square. Can also keep wicket.

3. V. H. Canning. The best bowler in Shanghai. Since his return from England has shown that he has lost none of his previous skill. Breaks both ways and bowls well on any wicket. From lack of recent practice, has fallen off in batting, but at his best is a dangerous batsman and a quick scorer. Fields well in any position, and is the best short stop in Shanghai.

4. A. G. Harrison. One of the best all-round cricketers in Shanghai, and has had a lengthy experience, both in interport and inter-Club matches. As a batsman is not always reliable, but often makes runs when they are most required. A good bowler, with medium pace, and breaks both ways. Bowled particularly well last Saturday, when against the "Single" team, he took 10 wickets for 33 runs. Reliable in the field.

5. R. B. Hildebrand. A young but brilliant batsman, a cricketer of considerable promise, very quickly; his principal fault is that he is nearly always anxious to make runs too quickly. Fields well, and is a moderate but somewhat erratic fast bowler.

6. A. F. Whelan. The best wicket-keeper in Shanghai. Has improved immensely in this department. As a batsman he frequently makes double figures and occasionally hits well, but has a cramped style.

7. W. Rodolph. Has scored very consistently this season. Is a strong defensive player and when well set, hits out hard and often. A good fielder.

8. H. Middleton. A very sound and steady batsman. Has sufficient experience to know he must not dabble with off-balls purposely delivered—a common fault in the present generation of Shanghai batsmen—and is particularly strong on the leg side. Would be a reliable man to balance the batting portion of the XI.

9. D. R. McEwen. A good, all-round cricketer. Has improved very much in both batting and bowling, but is a moderate batsman. Bats very steadily, perhaps over-cautiously, and is strong on the offside. A good change bowler, with a purring action.

10. T. Main. A good right-hand fast bowler, with a natural break from leg. Takes time to find his length, but is always difficult to play. A good fielder, but no bat.

11. R. N. Anderson. The "googly" bowler, who has lately met with splendid success on wickets that gave him any assistance. A very reliable bat, very severe on leg balls.

12. S. M. Wallace. A batsman who nearly always gets double figures and scores very quickly. Very strong on the leg side. A splendid fielder, both in the slips and the country, and returns the ball very quickly. A fair change bowler, who often gets wickets cheaply when others fail.

13. J. R. Brand. A stylish and steady batsman, who plays cover cricket. Scores slowly, but is probably due to lack of strength. Reliable in the field and bowls occasionally.

Note.—If a reserve wicket-keeper is required, which seems unnecessary for one match, with Barrett as emergency man, T. Veitch and P. Lambie have both claims to the position. Veitch is very smart behind the stumps, is a useful bat, and a brilliant fielder in any position. Lambie keeps wicket well, is a good forcing batsman and a safe fielder.

## CHINESE LABOUR IN JAPAN.

## AN IMPORTANT POINT.

The latest development of the Chinese labour question in Japan reported in yesterday's *News*, whereby a number of Chinese employed by Messrs. C. Nickel & Co. at their yard at Takahama, near Kobe, have been ordered to be deported, raises an interesting and important point.

On inquiry at Messrs. Nickel's offices yesterday, it was learned that the 14 Chinese in question are not coolies, nor even ordinary labourers, but are skilled workmen, engineers, fitters, and so on, earning ¥1.50 each per day without overtime. Their labour is more expensive than Japanese, but is more reliable and thorough, and they are regarded as altogether better workmen. Soon after the Chinese had started work at the Takahama yard, Messrs. Nickel were informed by the police that the importation of Chinese labourers was contrary to the provisions of Imperial Ordinance No. 354 of 1899, and that the Chinese must be sent back to China. Messrs. Nickel appealed to Governor Hattori, who referred them to Mr. Uchiumi, the Chief of Police. Several interviews took place between this official and representatives of the firm, but no settlement could be arrived at other than the deportation of the Chinese. The authorities were asked if the Chinese could remain if arrangements were made for them to live in Kobe, and travel up and down the line to work every day, but the reply was in the negative.

It is contended by Messrs. Nickel & Co. that the Chinese employed by them at Takahama do not come under the heading of "labourers," as laid down in the Ordinance, seeing that they are all skilled men. We believe that the Chinese Consul at Kobe also takes this view and contends that the Chinese are entitled to treatment under the most-favoured-nation clause. An appeal has been made to Tokyo, we understand, by the Chinese Consul at Kobe, and pending developments the Chinese workmen at Takahama are having a holiday at their employers' expense.

It certainly seems an anomaly that Chinese tailors, painters, printers, etc., may follow their vocations without interference in Kobe, and some even beyond the city limits, at Takahama, for instance, and yet these men at Takahama are refused permission to work, if the Japanese authorities do not show more toleration to the employer within their gates.

We scarcely have the right to expect that there should be any difference in the treatment of Chinese when the positions are reversed.

## SHANGHAI SHARE CASE.

## BENJAMIN AND POTTS V. GORDON NIELSEN.

In the Danish Consular Court at Shanghai, on the 14th inst., before Mr. T. Raaschou, this case was forwarded another stage. For the Defendant Mr. Home filed further particulars of defence, and Mr. Jones (for the plaintiffs) put in the following reply to Mr. Home's document:—

In reply to the Defendant's further statement of 15th September, 1907, the plaintiffs say:—

1. The Plaintiffs bring into Court the original contract referred to in their previous statement and deny the Defendant's allegation that such documents or any other documents relied upon by them are concerned with any transaction other than those between the Plaintiff and the Defendant. The Plaintiffs further state that they are unaware of the present whereabouts of Messrs. Van Nisrop and Lenox Simpson signatories of certain of the aforesaid contracts.

2. George Hutton Potts, the representative of the plaintiffs at present in Shanghai, is prepared to take an oath that the various original documents referred to are authentic documents and that the signatures affixed thereto are the respective proper and genuine signatures of the persons whose signatures they purport to be and if necessary is prepared to call further evidence to verify such signatures.

3. The Plaintiffs admit that the firm of Benjamin, Kelly and Potts carried on business at Hongkong as in Shanghai, but they deny that in selling the shares referred to in paragraph 2 of the Defendant's statement of the 25th September they were selling to themselves. The branches of Benjamin, Kelly and Potts acted in the matter as brokers in Shanghai and Hongkong respectively and when the Shanghai branch sold the shares to the Hongkong branch purchased on behalf of specific constituents.



## WUHOW NOTES.

## CHANGES.

Wuhow, 14th October.  
Mr. H. Darby-Tydale, of the Wuhow Customs, has been transferred to Kowloon. Mr. Tydale, left for Hongkong by S.S. *Linton* and had a great send-off from the Chinese indoor staff.

Mr. A. Wilson from home leave is expected to be appointed to the Wuhow Customs.

## SHOOTING MATCH.

A return shooting match was fired a couple of days ago between teams representing H. M. S. *Robina* and the Wuhow Recreation Club. The local men did much better than usual and put up a good shoot. The Navy were, however, victorious by the narrow margin of 3 points.

The following are the scores:  
H. M. S. *Robina*..... 20  
Wuhow Recreation Club..... 17  
A. Lindley..... 21  
J. Jay..... 20  
C. Stirling..... 21  
R. Komaroff..... 24  
B. Truss..... 21  
C. Bergoff..... 24  
J. Bachler..... 22  
E. Watson..... 19  
A. Watson..... 21  
D. Daniel..... 19  
F. Marshall..... 18  
L. Jones..... 21  
Total 125..... 122

## FAIR STOWAWAY IS SMOKED OUT.

## JAPANESE GIRL DISCOVERED ON "HONGKONG MARU."

The fumigation of ships with sulphur is intended for the slaughter of rats, but, as the officers of the *Hongkong Maru* discovered on Saturday, the fumes of the sulphur gas are potent to reveal other things besides dead rodents. In this case it was a pretty female stowaway—a dark-haired and golden-complexioned Japanese girl known as Toma Nagasaki, who was found on the ship's company.

This is the story of the discovery of Toma Nagasaki and the confusion of the guilty who hid her away from the too curious eyes of the white man official.

Toma was beautiful among the maidens of her country, her teeth were like ivory and her complexion pure gold, but she was a stowaway. She paid no passage money on the liner from the Orient. Although she was clad in the uniform of the quarantine service—a bandaged man wearing gold-bowed spectacles—boarded the *Hongkong Maru* on Saturday to fumigate with sulphur gas and kill the rats.

## GIRL IS SMOKED OUT.

"It will be useless to fumigate this cabin," Doctor said a quartermaster, as Dr. Drew approached a certain door, and that cabin was passed for a time. But the doctor was persistent and determined to fumigate the white ship. So the sulphur-pots were lighted after everything had been made tight, and the crew and the quarantine official stood on the deck until the sulphur gas should have done its work of slaughter below.

Then it was that a tall and female cry reached their ears, and looking over the side of the steamer, they saw the head of the beautiful Toma Nagasaki poked out of a porthole below. Her neck was swathed with towels, for she had planned cleverly to stuff the porthole with these and to keep the sulphur fumes from her clothes. But the device was not good. The pungent fumes leaked through the folds of the towels and got in her eyes and nostrils until she cried out and was discovered.

Toma was rescued from the sulphur fumes, only to be taken ashore by the quarantine doctor and incarcerated in the detention sheds at the Pacific Mail dock, for Toma was a stowaway.

All the officers of the liner professed great surprise when Toma was smoked out, for they said they never knew that there was a stowaway on the ship.

## CHINA'S FINANCIAL REFORM.

Writing on 24th Sept., the Peking correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* says:—Duke Taishan, President of the Tzu-chu (Ministry of Finance), recently memorialized the Emperor Dowager in regard to the proposals of their Excellencies Wang Ta-hsiang, Junior Vice-President of the Wai-wu (late Chinese Minister to Great Britain), who will shortly proceed to London to study British constitutional subjects, and Hu Wei-teh, Chinese Minister to Russia, concerning the reorganization of Chinese currency as stipulated in the Mackay Treaty of 1902. The President states that, after careful consultation with the Government and the various Viceroy and Governors, the suggestion of Hu Wei-teh, in the proposals of a foreign expert to act as adviser to the Ministry and the floating of a foreign loan are impracticable, as the financial control of the Empire would be in danger of falling into the hands of foreigners. Prior to the actual establishment of the proposed gold standard in China, the Ministry will endeavour its utmost to introduce the following reforms—

- 1.—The establishment of an office for the investigation of all matters in connexion with this important question.
  - 2.—The accumulation of gold.
  - 3.—The prohibition of the circulation of notes by Chinese banks.
  - 4.—To make agreements with the Powers for the prohibition of the importation of foreign silver bars and dollars into China.
  - 5.—To limit the circulation of notes by foreign banks at the various Treaty Ports.
  - 6.—The increase of the capital of the Huping-shing, or Bank of the Ministry of Finance, so that more branches and agencies may be established at all the important cities throughout the country.
  - 7.—The limit of the daily output of the copper mints in the various provinces.
  - 8.—The coinage of new silver dollars of the same weight and size as the Mexican.
  - 9.—The dispatch of reliable officials to Japan to study financial matters with a view to the adoption of Japanese methods in China.
  - 10.—The appointment of foreign-educated Chinese financial experts to act as advisers to the Ministry of Finance instead of foreigners, in order to avoid diplomatic disputes in future.
- The above were passed by an Imperial Rescript and will be gradually put into force. In a recent memorial to H.E. Yuan Shih-kai of Chihli, the Customs Treaty of Tientsin, Mr. Liang, is in favour of the flotation of a foreign loan of £10,000,000 upon the guarantee of the existing silver in China, which he says, can be sold at £12,500,000 net profit every year. But this proposal was also rejected by the Government, which is evidently endeavouring hard to avoid foreign loans for any enterprises in the Empire, for fear of international complications.
- The Ministry is carefully going through the proposals of Professor Jenks so as to see whether any could be adopted by China.

## GERMAN VESSEL IN DISTRESS.

## EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

The German steamer *Marcellus*, of the Hamburg-America Line, arrived in Yokohama harbour on Thursday evening, in distress. The *Marcellus*, says the *Japan Herald*, was bound from Moji for San Francisco, and left the former port on the 15th ultimo at 3 p.m., at which time a fine breeze was blowing. On the 17th at 10 a.m. the ship was out of the Bungo Channel, but she had hardly entered the Pacific before she was caught in a gale, and commenced to ship water over the decks. The wind was blowing from N.N.E. During the afternoon the wind increased, and in the evening the *Marcellus* was about in the centre of a typhoon.

At 8 p.m. a steamship connecting the steering gear on the bridge with the engine was broken off by the heavy sea, and water began to pour into the engine room through the leak thus left, with the result that the engines were stopped. Almost simultaneously a bulkhead parting, the bunkers from the engine room gave way, and a mixture of coal and water rushed into the engine room, filling all parts of the engine. Now began a hard time for the crew. One of the ladders leading from deck up to the bridge was entirely torn off by the sea and washed overboard, while one of the ventilators leading down to the stokehold on the starboard side met with the same fate. Most of the piping on deck supplying the winches with steam was likewise torn off, and even one of the doors to the steering house on the bridge was washed away. Away aft the deck-telegraph and the patent-lead winch were washed overboard.

The worst damage done, however, was on the port side, just before the bridge, where the sea tore a hole in the deck, through which the water poured down into the forehold.

One of the sailors, an American, was sent forward on the forecastle-head to remove the ventilator, and put canvas covers over the holes, but he was caught by a sea and washed down amidships.

From then on until Saturday night (the 21st) all hands, including officers and sailors and firemen, were kept working day and night, bailing water out of the engine room with buckets. Even the cook had to stay in the galley as long as 21 hours on a stretch, standing by to give the men an occasional bite to eat. On Saturday night their work was so far advanced with success that they could think of having a little rest, and they were then divided into gangs, working six hours and resting three hours. On Monday last the ship was able to move her engines again very slowly, and at last managed to reach Yokohama. After being repaired she will resume her voyage to the Golden Gate.

## OPIMUM SMOKING OFFICIALS.

A Peking despatch of 10th inst., published in the *Shanghai Mercury*, says:—Since the Imperial Decree prohibiting opium smoking was issued in the last year the Government Council compiled detailed regulations. In the decree it has been clearly stated that officials who have the habit of smoking opium are allowed to report themselves at having such a habit and to state the date when they will stop the habit and thus We have shown our leniency in treating our officials and therefore they should feel themselves ashamed of such a habit and endeavour to stop opium smoking. It is now more than half a year and We made investigations about the officials in the Metropolis and provinces whether they have been able to comply with our wishes in reference to the habit of opium smoking. Amongst these officials we find that Kuei Bin (Prince Ju), Tsai Kung (Prince Chun), Li Pan-chung (President of the Censorate) and Chen Ming-kan (Vice-President of the Censorate) are not able to get rid of the habit which is clearly proved. This is really due to their procrastination and neglect of Our order and therefore they should be severely punished summarily and there is nothing to regret or be pitted in their being thus punished. However, We consider that their habit has been for such a long period, and We allow them to retire from their official duties for the present and to have acting officials in their positions, according to the regulations, so as to enable them to further try to stop their opium smoking habit and if they can stop such a habit promptly they may be allowed to resume their original positions. Regarding the officials, civil and military, high and low, of each yamen in Peking and provinces who may likewise not be able to stop their habit though the six months as stipulated have passed, We grant them special favour and extend the date of such prohibition for three months from the date of this decree. All the high officials, civil and military, in Peking or provinces, who have opium smoking habits, should report themselves to Us upon their habit and the rest of the officials should report themselves to the chiefs of the Boards or other Yamen, Tatar Generals, Viceroys, Governors and Lieutenant-Generals of Banner garrisons of the same and they should follow our order promptly without mistake, they should not act the same and they should not stop in the middle of the abstinence and thus become unable to remove the habit. If there is any one who cannot stop the habit by the date fixed such official shall be severely and strictly dealt with as We will not give them any more leniency.

## JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MONOPOLIES.

## PROPOSED INCREASE IN PRICE OF CIGARETTES.

The *Japan Chronicle* says:—The Government has incorporated the three monopoly offices—the Tobacco, Salt and Camphor, into one, with a view to doing away with superfluous hands and effecting economy generally. At the same time the authorities are investigating means for obtaining increased revenue from the monopolies, in order to make good deficit in the revenue. We are informed that as the first step towards increasing the revenue, the authorities have decided to raise the price of tobacco. The supply of leaf tobacco produced in Japan, it is stated, has fallen short of late to meet the greatest demands of the Japanese consumers, as shown by the continued scarcity of the supply of the better classes of cigarettes. So scarce has been the supply of leaf tobacco that the demand for cigarettes and cut tobacco cannot be filled without importing the foreign leaf. The Government proposes to reduce the production of cut tobacco to the lowest possible minimum, and to increase the production of those cigarettes which have proved the most lucrative, and to raise the price—the "Fujii" brand from 10 to 12 sen, the "Shikishima" brand from 8 to 10 sen, the "Yamato" brand from 7 to 8 sen, the "Asahi" brand from 6 to 7 sen and the "Yamashiro" brand from 5 to 6 sen. At the same time the prices are raised, the names of all "brands" will be changed. The quality of the "Yamato" and lower grades will be lowered, with a view to encouraging the sales of the better qualities. It is expected by the Government that the change will bring in an additional revenue of about ¥10,000,000 and ¥18,000,000. The new prices will be put into force on April next.

## SINGAPORE ESTIMATES FOR 1907.

## EXPENDITURE, TEN MILLIONS.

## REVENUE NINE AND TWO-THIRDS.

The Supply Bill for next year was published as a Gazette extraordinary yesterday (Oct. 10) afternoon, and detailed estimates of revenue and expenditure are attached. The estimates will be given at to-day's Council meeting, but the following particulars can be gleaned from the estimates, says the *Free Press*:—

REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
Revenue..... \$9,684,337	Expenditure..... \$10,091,920
(About a million more)	(About a million more)
Land Revenue..... 3,992,300	Land Revenue..... 3,992,300
Licences..... 6,757,000	Licences..... 6,757,000
Stamps..... 603,000	Stamps..... 603,000
Post and Harbour Dues..... 105,780	Post and Harbour Dues..... 105,780
Post Office..... 516,330	Post Office..... 516,330
Railway..... 224,500	Railway..... 224,500
Fees of Office..... 3,470	Fees of Office..... 3,470
Reimbursements..... 200,500	Reimbursements..... 200,500
Interest..... 290,100	Interest..... 290,100
District Collections..... 157,650	District Collections..... 157,650
Special Receipts..... 148,400	Special Receipts..... 148,400
Land Sales..... 38,500	Land Sales..... 38,500
Total..... \$9,684,337	Total..... \$10,091,920

(Decrease \$100,000)

In 1907, \$9,429,189; in 1906, \$9,618,313; in 1905, \$11,657,424.

## HEALS OF EXPENDITURE.

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Public Debt Charges..... \$400,000
Pensions, Allowances &c..... 3,766,000
Personal Emoluments..... 3,766,000
Annual Recurrent..... 1,439,167
Special Expenditure..... 1,439,167
Military Expenditure..... 1,757,600
Volunteers..... 396,000
Works and Buildings..... 225,500
Roads, Streets, &c..... 1,311,907
Special Works..... 29,423
Total..... \$10,091,920

As against \$9,684,337 for the current year; \$8,745,200 for 1906.

As to the items, we find the Railway in at \$502,746; charges on public debt \$400,000. The Crown Agents' remuneration is \$2,000; £150 to the Imperial Institute; and £100 to the London School of Tropical Medicine.

New pensions are Sir Lionel Cox, \$5,621; Mr. H. N. Trotter, \$4,661; Sir J. A. Swettenham \$1,399; F. G. Bateman \$1,411.

Special expenditure in the Marine Department includes \$5,000 for reconstructing Albuquerques \$18,000 for new lamps for Wigham Buoy; £12,000 for a new launch.

Among other special expenditure is \$5,000 extension of laboratory, Raffles Institution. Building Grant Sir Xavier's Pension \$17,500; new edition of the Ordinances \$8,000; Flora of the Malay Peninsula \$8,721; Relaying line between Tankard and Bukit Timah \$16,000; one-third cost of wagon-ferry, Johore Straits \$240,000; and new Cape Rachado Light \$66,750. The Tanjong Pagar Hospital \$102,300; Maternity Hospital, \$18,000; new Quarantine Camp \$50,000; Singapore river bridge \$135,150; demolition of Fort Cornwallis \$50,000; Jolly sheds Penang, \$50,000.

## VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS.

## CAMP.

1. Launch for conveyance of Corps will leave "Blake Pier" at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, 19th inst.
2. Uniform for all Units:—Khaki, khaki helmets, puttees and black boots.
3. Baggage of members should be limited as much as possible.
4. Members of the Corps who are desirous of taking a servant to Camp, and have not yet obtained a pass, should apply to the Headquarters at once with amount necessary for same (30 cents) for each day the servant is retained in Camp.
5. Volunteer Headquarters will be closed from 12 p.m. on Thursday, 17th inst., until the completion of Camp.
7. Every member should take a flannel belt in his kit to be worn at night to prevent chills, etc.

## PROMOTION.

The following promotions will take place with effect from the 30th September, 1907:—

- RIGHT NO. 1 COMPANY.  
Gunner Peake To Bombr.  
Gunner Loureiro To Bombr.
- RIGHT NO. 2 COMPANY.  
Corpl. F. O. Day to Sergt.  
Gunner H. L. Bennett To Corpl.  
Gunner B. J. Bieden To Corpl.  
Gunner B. T. Jackson, to Bombr.
- LEFT NO. 1 COMPANY.  
Corpl. Marshall To Sergeant.  
Br. E. M. Hayward To Corpl.  
Br. H. E. Sayer To Corpl.  
Br. Crapnell To Corpl.  
Gunner Crawford To Corpl.  
Gunner C. B. Hayward To Bombr.

## JOINED.

- Mr. H. J. Stevens joined the Corps on the 9th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 998 and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company.
- Mr. W. F. Brewer joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 999 and posted to the Left Half No. 1 Company.
- Mr. H. V. Wilkinson joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 1,000 and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company.
- Mr. D. Young joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 1,001 and posted to the Left Half No. 1 Company.
- Mr. B. Croucher joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 1,002 and posted to the Left Half No. 2 Company.
- Mr. W. Mackintosh joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 1,003 and posted to the Left Half No. 2 Company.
- Mr. E. Long joined the Corps on the 11th October, 1907, assigned Corps No. 1,004 and posted to the Right Half No. 2 Company.

## RESIGNED.

- Bombr. F. A. Jones is permitted to resign with effect from the 7th October, 1907.
- Bombr. J. Quinn is permitted to resign with effect from the 9th October, 1907.
- Bombr. W. H. Woolley is permitted to resign on account of ill health with effect from the 9th October, 1907.
- Corporal A. Watson is permitted to resign with effect from the 9th October, 1907.
- Gunner O. M. Alves is permitted to resign on account of ill health with effect from the 15th October, 1907.
- STRUCK OFF.
- Sapper W. E. Ross is struck off the strength of the Corps with effect from the 15th October, 1907.
- Sapper W. Watson is struck off the strength of the Corps with effect from the 15th October, 1907.
- Sapper F. W. Jones is struck off the strength of the Corps with effect from the 15th October, 1907.
- Gunner T. P. Conolly is struck off the strength of the Corps with effect from the 15th October, 1907.

## EXCHANGE AND CURRENCY.

## STRAITS GOVERNMENT DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY.

Throughout the year, pointed out the Governor of Singapore, in his Budget speech on 11th inst., in spite of the very large payments which had to be made locally to satisfy the Tanjong Pagar award, exchange has remained very steady, and unless the Banks which have the privilege of issuing Bank Notes against securities deposited in London increase their issues, the Government do not anticipate any difficulty in keeping the limits of exchange within the range of the cost of shipping gold. So far it has not been necessary to make use of anything but a very small extent of the power of issue of redeeming notes by buying or selling telegraphic transfers on London. The increasing popularity of our note issue is shown by the fact that it has increased by more than 20 per cent. during the year. During the same period there has been a substantial increase in the issue of Bank notes which has grown from about eleven hundred thousand dollars in December last to close upon two million dollars at the present time.

In view of this fact and the diminution in the metallic circulation which has already taken place, and the further diminution which may be expected next year when the Straits dollar is demonetised in Sumatra, the Government have come to the conclusion that our needs so far as metallic circulation in standard dollars and half dollars is concerned, will be met by about twenty million dollars. \$17,255,000 of the old large size have been taken and are in process of being transmitted into the new and smaller dollars. This should produce \$16,340,000 in new dollars and when the dollar currency has been completed, it is proposed to ship enough old dollars to produce \$3,000,000 in new half dollars. This, especially if the tendency of our note issue to grow to the displacement of our metallic circulation should continue, will it be believed prove ample for our needs of standard coin for some years to come.

As the old dollars are received in exchange for the new, they will be sold from time to time and replaced in our coin reserve by their equivalent in gold, the loss being debited to the Gold Standard Fund to which will be credited the whole of the profit on the new issue, and also all profit on any future coinage. From time to time, we shall continue to withdraw the subsidiary coin which is still to some extent redundant, and dispose of it in the market at the best value, rebalancing the loss to the Gold Standard Fund, and when the coinage of our standard coins is complete, we shall begin to withdraw the whole of our existing subsidiary silver and replace it by a coinage of the same size and weight as at present but of only 600 as compared with 800 fineness. The whole of the profit on this transaction will also be credited to the Gold Standard Fund. These operations will take some time to complete, but when they have been carried out we shall at last have placed our currency on an im. reparable basis.

## CURRENCY OF THE STRAITS.

The following questions, inter alia, standing in the name of Mr. August Hattenbach were then put:

- Have Government decided on any and on what policy with regard to—
- (a) Dealing with the profit from the re-coinage of the Silver currency?
  - (b) The manner created by the demonetisation of the Straits Dollar in Sumatra?
- The replies were as follows:—
- (a) The profit from the re-coinage of the silver currency will be paid to a fund called the Gold Reserve Fund. This fund will be built up out of the present and all future coinage operations; it will exist for the purpose of guaranteeing the difference between the intrinsic value and the value of the silver whether in active circulation or in the note reserve.
  - (b) The Government is aware that a large number of notes in the market are of nine-tenths of the Colony and will take steps that the amount thus returned will be put out of circulation.

## MISSING RIFLES.

## FISHERMAN DICTATES TO THE COURT.

At the Police Court, this morning, the master—Choo Choi E of fishing boat No. 12574, was arraigned before Judge C. A. D. Melbourne, charged with exporting two rifles into China some time this month. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

The arrest of the defendant came about yesterday afternoon under interesting circumstances. A police pinnace was out searching for the pirates, whose attack on the cargo boat *Mut Wo* was reported in our last issue, when the defendant's boat was sighted lying at anchor in Deep Bay. The pinnace went alongside and defendant was asked to produce his licence. This he did. According to the licence he was permitted to carry six rifles to protect himself and his crew, but the fisherman could only produce four when the officer called for them. He was unable to account for the absence of the other two rifles.

His Worship—Where are the other two rifles?

Defendant (haughtily)—It rests with your worship to deal with the case.

His Worship was not to be put off that way. "What happened to the two other rifles?" he demanded.

Defendant, who was far from being frank with the Court, replied that "he had lent them to relatives."

A fine of \$25, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment was imposed. Needless to say the penalty was paid forthwith.

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The monthly competition for the Robertson Farewell Cup was held at Happy Valley from the 12th to 14th October, 1907. The following returns were made:—

ROBERTSON FAREWELL CUP.
Mr. J. K. Grant..... 94-14=80
Mr. T. S. Forrest..... 84+4=84
Mr. E. J. Grant..... 85+0=85
Mr. E. D. Gray..... 85-2=83
Mr. T. C. Gray..... 93-7=86
(14 entries).
FOOT.
Mr. J. K. Grant..... 94-16=78
Mr. T. S. Forrest..... 84+2=82
Mr. E. J. Grant..... 85-2=83
Mr. E. D. Gray..... 85-2=83
Mr. T. C. Gray..... 93-9=84
(15 entries).

## \* Winner of Cup and Pool.

The Profession Pains Competition was won by Messrs. Forrest and Mosley in the final by 4 up and 3 to play.

## CUTZ CHINSH HOUSEBOY.

## TURNS CHIEF JUSTICE'S RESIDENCE INTO A RESTAURANT.

During the absence of Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice of Hongkong, on a vacation in Japan, his residence, "Eyre," the Peak, has been turned into a restaurant "Goth," the strange revelation made in the Police Court, this morning, by Police Sergeant Gordon, of Mount Gough Police Station, during the hearing of a case. Lau Chung, a house-cook, residing at 6, Des Voeux Road Central, was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland with being found in the servants' quarters of the "Eyre" yesterday afternoon without the permission of the occupier.

"I went there at the boy's invitation," said accused in answer to the charge.

"But did you have the occupier's permission?" asked the Court.

"The occupier was not there," came the reply.

Yesterday afternoon, while on patrol duty, Sergeant Gordon received information that there was "something doing" at the "Eyre." The sergeant started out to investigate and on reaching the premises he was surprised to find about fifty Chinamen, who had gone to the Peak to celebrate the Chung Yung festival, seated around small tables in the garden, sipping tea, and taking in the scenery. Notices had been posted all round the garden advertising the fact that tea and cakes were sold there. The refreshments were provided by the "boy" of the house. When the guests had retired, Sergeant Gordon took a trip to the back of the house and found accused in the servants' quarters, putting on his coat, ready to leave.

His Worship—Are you going to prosecute the "boy"?

Sergeant Gordon—Yes, your Worship.

The case was then adjourned to allow a summons to be served on the house "boy" for keeping an eating-house without a licence, when both cases will be heard together. Accused was released on bail of \$10.

## OSAKA CATASTROPHE.

## TERRIBLE SCENES ON THE YODOGAWA.

At 3.30 yesterday afternoon, the 11th inst., a series of terrific explosions occurred in a factory at Mayaga on the Yodo River, Goro-mura, Minami District, Osaka fu, says the *Kobe Herald*. The factory belongs to Nohara Rikunokko, of Kita-Kiutaro Cho, 1 chome, Osaka, and was established in August this year for the purpose of dealing with discarded military ammunition. It consists of a number of tents, each forty yards by twelve, and some storehouses. Of late, one hundred and twenty labourers from the neighbouring villages have been engaged at the factory in emptying cartridges. Two or three days ago they completed emptying a consignment purchased from the Kure Naval Station, but 28,000 cartridges obtained from the Osaka Arsenal were conveyed to the factory on river boats the day before yesterday and were placed in three store-houses, each of which covered an area of nine-tenths of a hectare. Yesterday a quantity of these cartridges was removed to the tents, where one hundred and forty work-people, under the supervision of a dozen men, were employed to break them up and sort out the lead, copper, brass and powder. At half-past two in the afternoon, a further consignment of ammunition was sent to the factory on four fully laden boats. This cargo was being landed when a tremendous report was heard in the direction of the factory, while masses of flames and smoke poured up into the sky. An explosion, it was found, had occurred among the cartridges which were being opened in the tents, and the fire thus caused had exploded the remainder of the 28,000 cartridges in the three store-houses. The scene which ensued was a ghastly one, many of the one hundred and forty work-people, most of whom were women, being blown bodily into the air or hurled against the wooden fence enclosing the compound, while many others were struck by the flying bullets and fragments of cartridges cases. So tremendous was the explosion that the sound is said to have been heard at a distance of three ri (nearly eight miles). But this was not the worst of the catastrophe, for a spark caught the ammunition which, as previously stated, was being unloaded from boats on the river, and another great explosion ensued. One of the boats was immediately enveloped in flames, but the others fortunately succeeded in weighing anchor and getting out of danger. The labourers engaged in landing the ammunition were panic-stricken and some of them were drowned in trying to effect their escape. At the time the latest report was despatched the factory was still burning and it was impossible to accurately compute the number of persons killed and injured, but up to ten o'clock last night sixty-six dead bodies had been recovered and thirty-three injured persons were under treatment. Most of the injured people are terribly scorched, and the scene at the accident site, Temples, which have been turned into temporary hospitals, is said to be indescribable. On news of the disaster being received, Mr. Ikegami, the head of the Osaka Police Administration, immediately proceeded to the locality, and a large number of doctors and nurses were despatched to the scene. The fire brigades from several villages also hastened to the factory, but they had to work under great difficulties, as ammunition was still exploding and quantities of bullets and fragments of metal were flying about. The fire was consequently still in progress at a late hour last night.

## LOST CHILD.

## FOUND IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A good number of people, among them a few sympathetic ladies, gathered round a four-year-old European child, who had become separated from its guardian, in Queen's Road Central, last Thursday morning, just outside the offices of this Journal. The child was found wandering its way through the congested traffic. Captain Grainger, the first person to notice the child's predicament and he immediately went to the rescue, leading it out of harm's way to the sidewalk, outside the Connaught Hotel. Police Sergeant Sim of Sam-shai-po Police Station, who was on his way to the Registrar-General's office, was called, and notwithstanding the brief investigation made the child's guardian could not be located. No further information could be gleaned from the child, than "Mamma" pointing eastward, indicating that its mother had disappeared in that direction. The child was ultimately returned to the Central Police Station to allow further inquiries to be made.

## PEKING TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams have been received from Peking to-day:

His Excellency Yuan Shih-kai has memorialized the Throne recommending that Prince Shun (溥儀) should be sent to Europe for his studies. The Prince has expressed his willingness to go.

Vice-president Yang Shih-kai has ordered the two princes, Kai-feng and Kai-hsi, of the Manchurian line, to proceed with him to the Southern Anhwei province.

The vacant post for the governorship of Shantung is still not filled. The Peking Government cannot decide who will be appointed. Prince Ching, Yuan Shih-kai, and Chang Ching have each a separate recommendation.

## ASCENDING POLICE OFFICER.

A police officer (sergeant) named Shih of the No. 4 Police-station of Sai Wan (Western suburbs) was ordered by the officer in charge to receive a sum of over one hundred dollars from the Central Station, and has absconded with the money. The Wai-yuen of the head office, however, has imposed a fine of 500 moneys pay from the officer in charge of No. 4 station remarking that it was the officer's duty to go and receive the money himself, instead of which, sergeant Shih was sent by him. Meanwhile the whole police force has been informed and a sharp lookout is being kept for the sergeant.



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**YARN MARKET.**

in their report dated 7th instant. Messrs. Messel & Co., Ltd., of London, and Messrs. B. J. Potts & Co., of Birmingham, are the two firms who have been most active in the market. Our last circular was dated 24th ult., and the outstanding feature of the fortnightly report has been a violent slump in silver, involving a sharp decline in the price of 1 per cent. at date of our last closing, and a further 1/2 per cent. at time of closing. While it may have been expected that the collapse in silver would have reacted on the price of the gold market, it is surprising to find that the latter market has been unaffected by the movements in the silver market. Indeed, it is worthy of note that dealers and speculators may be described as more active in the gold market than in the silver market.

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...ed by the belief that the Northwest ports  
...ll be frozen towards the end of next month

the outlet provided by the Great Britain the same ports will be closed to their exportation of yarn.

London, the continuing unsettled conditions in the South restrict exports from the interior to the coast, and the lack of any material extent to the trade is the result. In the three lower provinces of the Vangung do not seem to be possessed of any organized leading, but the chronic outbreak of lawlessness in a somewhat acute form recently orders the shipment of merchandise late the month and area a rather precarious venture.

Both the British and the German companies are entirely as factors, and should be carefully investigate the evils with which trade in South China has been for some time past severely afflicted.

No. 202.—A moderate business has been done, but of this extent in many shops, and even a movement. Some selected traders fetched a profit.

No. 166.—Not much in favor. A small business is reported at current prices.

Prices show an advance of \$1 to \$1½ per bale. Demand continued in this market.

arly all chaps. have been despatched and prices  
 an improvement of from 3¢ to 3½ per bale.  
 No. 32.—Neglected.      100000      100000  
 No. 33.—Only two threads changed hands at  
 100000      100000  
 No. 34.—Small lots of 5000 and 10000 bales  
 of 100, 125, 150 and 175 bales of No. 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 1015, 1020, 1025, 1030, 1035, 1040, 1045, 1050, 1055, 1060, 1065, 1070, 1075, 1080, 1085, 1090, 1095, 1100, 1105, 1110, 1115, 1120, 1125, 1130, 1135, 1140, 1145, 1150, 1155, 1160, 1165, 1170, 1175, 1180, 1185, 1190, 1195, 1200, 1205, 1210, 1215, 1220, 1225, 1230, 1235, 1240, 1245, 1250, 1255, 1260, 1265, 1270, 1275, 1280, 1285, 1290, 1295, 1300, 1305, 1310, 1315, 1320, 1325, 1330, 1335, 1340, 1345, 1350, 1355, 1360, 1365, 1370, 1375, 1380, 1385, 1390, 1395, 1400, 1405, 1410, 1415, 1420, 1425, 1430, 1435, 1440, 1445, 1450, 1455, 1460, 1465, 1470, 1475, 1480, 1485, 1490, 1495, 1500, 1505, 1510, 1515, 1520, 1525, 1530, 1535, 1540, 1545, 1550, 1555, 1560, 1565, 1570, 1575, 1580, 1585, 1590, 1595, 1600, 1605, 1610, 1615, 1620, 1625, 1630, 1635, 1640, 1645, 1650, 1655, 1660, 1665, 1670, 1675, 1680, 1685, 1690, 1695, 1700, 1705, 1710, 1715, 1720, 1725, 1730, 1735, 1740, 1745, 1750, 1755, 1760, 1765, 1770, 1775, 1780, 1785, 1790, 1795, 1800, 1805, 1810, 1815, 1820, 1825, 1830, 1835, 1840, 1845, 1850, 1855, 1860, 1865, 1870, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050, 2055, 2060, 2065, 2070, 2075, 2080, 2085, 2090, 2095, 2100, 2105, 2110, 2115, 2120, 2125, 2130, 2135, 2140, 2145, 2150, 2155, 2160, 2165, 2170, 2175, 2180, 2185, 2190, 2195, 2200, 2205, 2210, 2215, 2220, 2225, 2230, 2235, 2240, 2245, 2250, 2255, 2260, 2265, 2270, 2275, 2280, 2285, 2290, 2295, 2300, 2305, 2310, 2315, 2320, 2325, 2330, 2335, 2340, 2345, 2350, 2355, 2360, 2365, 2370, 2375, 2380, 2385, 2390, 2395, 2400, 2405, 2410, 2415, 2420, 2425, 2430, 2435, 2440, 2445, 2450, 2455, 2460, 2465, 2470, 2475, 2480, 2485, 2490, 2495, 2500, 2505, 2510, 2515, 2520, 2525, 2530, 2535, 2540, 2545, 2550, 2555, 2560, 2565, 2570, 2575, 2580, 2585, 2590, 2595, 2600, 2605, 2610, 2615, 2620, 2625, 2630, 2635, 2640, 2645, 2650, 2655, 2660, 2665, 2670, 2675, 2680, 2685, 2690, 2695, 2700, 2705, 2710, 2715, 2720, 2725, 2730, 2735, 2740, 2745, 2750, 2755, 2760, 2765, 2770, 2775, 2780, 2785, 2790, 2795, 2800, 2805, 2810, 2815, 2820, 2825, 2830, 2835, 2840, 2845, 2850, 2855, 2860, 2865, 2870, 2875, 2880, 2885, 2890, 2895, 2900, 2905, 2910, 2915, 2920, 2925, 2930, 2935, 2940, 2945, 2950, 2955, 2960, 2965, 2970, 2975, 2980, 2985, 2990, 2995, 3000, 3005, 3010, 3015, 3020, 3025, 3030, 3035, 3040, 3045, 3050, 3055, 3060, 3065, 3070, 3075, 3080, 3085, 3090, 3095, 3100, 3105, 3110, 3115, 3120, 3125, 3130, 3135, 3140, 3145, 3150, 3155, 3160, 3165, 3170, 3175, 3180, 3185, 3190, 3195, 3200, 3205, 3210, 3215, 3220, 3225, 3230, 3235, 3240, 3245, 3250, 3255, 3260, 3265, 3270, 3275, 3280, 3285, 3290, 3295, 3300, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3320, 3325, 3330, 3335, 3340, 3345, 3350, 3355, 3360, 3365, 3370, 3375, 3380, 3385, 3390, 3395, 3400, 3405, 3410, 3415, 3420, 3425, 3430, 3435, 3440, 3445, 3450, 3455, 3460, 3465, 3470, 3475, 3480, 348

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Shanghai " " 25 150-3  
Silver " " 25 150-3  
Writing under same date, Messrs. Cawajee,  
Lanjee & Co. report:—  
Our last report was dated the 4th inst. per  
Dacca since when the market continued  
stead and the small business was done in  
the first few days of the fortnight on the basis  
of sales. Subsequently, owing to the ex-  
cessant and heavy decline in exchange, holders  
made firmer and demanded higher prices.  
Sellers, however, in the absence of any large  
sales from the country were not inclined to  
proceed on their offers, and consequently a  
further advance of 50 cents to 51 per bale  
and settlements were effected during the  
middle of the month. In exchange some-  
what more, but the slight effect on our market  
now closes steady.  
No. 1.—In trifling request at previous  
No. 2.—Nothing doing.  
No. 3.—At an advance of 51 to 51 per  
a large business has been put through in  
variable spinings.  
No. 4.—Superior tickets only have been  
in moderate sale, prices showing an im-  
provement of 51 per bale.  
No. 5.—Small sales at or about the same  
No. 6.—A fair inquiry has been experienced  
desirable tickets at an appreciation of 50  
to 51 per bale.  
Sales, during the past fortnight comprised of

11,285 bales of No. 12s, 510 bales of No. 13s, and 90 bales of No. 20s, in all about

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**THE cholera at Kobe** has caused the death of 710 persons since the outbreak.

The quarantine on vessels arriving at Amoy from Hongkong has been removed.

It is officially announced that the British Post Office at Tientsin will not be closed, but will remain open.

The British Consul-General at Shanghai telegraphs that Hongkong has been "relieved" from quarantine since 10th October.

SEKIGAWA Guy Blood has been appointed and Lieutenant in No. 2 Company, Hongkong Volunteer Artillery, with effect from the 30th ult.

It is now reported on reliable authority that the Victoria Hill Shih-chang intends to raise a loan of £5,000,000 in three or four countries, instead of one.

The South Manchuria Railway has arranged with the Osaka Shosen Kaisha for the opening next spring of a steamship service between Tientsin and South China.

THERE was an explosion in the gunpowder factory at Takatsuki, between Osaka and Kyoto, on the 4th inst. Fifty persons were injured and forty killed.

M. DE RIJKE is proceeding by invitation of the Chinese Government to Taku to make a study of the Heiho with a view to formulating a scheme for its conscription.

RIOTERS have broken out in the Jehongnan province of Korea in rebellion against the ordinance for the cutting off of top-knots; but the soldiers of the Japanese garrisons repelled them.

In spite of incessant storms a moderate forecast of the rice crop of 1937 in Japan shows an increase of 7 per cent, compared with that of 1936 and of 13 per cent, compared with the average crop.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's Exequatur, Mr. A. M. Pérez as Consul for the Republic of Guatemala in Hongkong.

LADY LUGARD was "at home" to the leading members of the Chinese community between 4 and 6 p.m. last Monday. A number of our Chinese fellow-citizens attended at Government House as did most of the foreign community, who were invited to meet the Chinese guests.

FOR stealing 128 pounds of brass, the value of which was put down at \$51, from Quarry Bay shipyard, last Sunday, Leung Kin, a coolie, employed in the shipyard, was at the Police Court on Monday, given three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks. Au Fat, the marine hawk, who resides at 5, King Sing Street, to whom he sold the brass, was also convicted and similarly dealt with for purchasing stolen property.

MA YUEN, a syrup mixer, employed by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, has developed a taste for all that is sweet since he joined that firm. His refined taste led him into syrup—and a hot kind too—on Sunday last. On Monday morning he was charged before Mr. F. A. H. Zealand, in the Police Court, with stealing four bottles of syrup and three bags of acid, valued at \$35, the property of his employers. Mr. W. F. Piddappa was complainant. Accused was found guilty and a sentence of six weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks was passed.

MANILA is becoming almost as notable for its publications as Shanghai. The latest that has come to hand is "Mila Opinion," which became known in the old maxim, "Tell the truth and shame the devil." It is decidedly breezy, trenchant in its criticisms and original in its ideas. The comments should certainly keep American readers out of mischief, for there is nothing idle or weak about the "Opinion." The issue to hand is a sort of preface to the Tait number, and as it quotes the "Telegraph" it may be understood that it is exceedingly interesting.

UNLESS Man Ming, a cattle dealer, of 26, Temple Street, Yau-ma-tei, starts to work and erect some stalls for his ponies, who have a habit of roaming about the streets of Yau-ma-tei all hours of the day and night, causing great inconvenience to pedestrians, it will go hard on him the next time he appears before a magistrate. Last Tuesday he appeared before Mr. F. A. H. Zealand to answer a charge of allowing his ponies to frequent the public roads. He was fined \$2, and also ordered to pay \$150 compensation for certain property damaged by his animals.

A Tokio telegram, of 9th inst., to the N. C. D. News, says:—Two armoured cruisers as forerunners of the fleet to visit Pacific waters leave Hampton Roads on Saturday under Rear-Admiral Sperry. Sixteen battleships and six destroyers under Admiral Robert Evans will leave the Atlantic two months later and will be joined in the Pacific by three battleships as well as by thirteen armoured cruisers under Rear-Admiral Dayton. The seven battleships at present under construction in Eastern yards are nearly finished. Naval expansionists are reported to be hoping to make them the nucleus of an Atlantic fleet and that the departing ships will be left permanently in the Pacific.

THE *Hankow Daily News* of 11th inst. says:—The funeral of the late Commander Crabtree, R.N., took place yesterday afternoon, the coffin, which was draped in a Union Jack and covered with many beautiful wreaths sent by the deceased's naval and civilian friends, leaving the hospital at 4 p.m. The hearse was preceded by a party of armed blue-jackets from H.M.S. *Nightingale*, and followed by a squad of B.M.C. Sikh police, the mourners following in procession to the cemetery. After the Rev. Sherman read the burial service and after the body was lowered into the grave three volleys were fired by the escort from the *Nightingale*. A very large and representative gathering was present at the cemetery.

ECONOMY is a capital thing to be practiced when nobody is looking, but it is a losing game, when somebody is—especially if that somebody is a policeman—as Messrs. J. R. Shinkwin and John Harris, representing the "Century" of 11th inst., *A.S.C.* and *Nos. 5 and 6*, were able to vouch for to-day. Last Saturday morning, at the Marine Court, they appeared in answer to summonses issued by Policeman Downie, of the Water Police Station, charging their owners with failing to exhibit lights on the lighters which were moored in the harbour. The policemen had informed the Harbour Master that they visited the lighters on the 8th and 9th inst. and found no lights exhibited—in fact, he found none of the crew on board. It cost the owners one dollar each.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, who left Peking on October 17, is on his way by the *Shikima* route, to London, where he is due to arrive on October 23. He expects to be back in Peking by the end of November.

The information received by the British Consul-General at Bangkok, Mr. Quarantine, with effect from the 10th inst. is that the only subject to medical inspection.

Mrs. E. Lewington, of 2, Rippon Terrace, prosecuted her cook—Ap Wal—of the Police Court, for leaving her employ on the 15th inst. without giving notice. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. Charles William Jeffries to be first assistant at the Observatory, with effect from 1st inst.

ON Sunday, the 20th inst., collections will be taken in the various churches in the Colony in aid of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals. It is hoped there will be a liberal response in aid of these charitable institutions.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending October 15, 1937, amounted to 22,612.11 tons, and the sales during the same period to 18,395.41 tons.

A TRIPE of aborigines in the North of Formosa, which has recently surrendered has broken out again. The natives are showing continued resistance. The Japanese have had many casualties; one constable has been roasted to death.

LEAVING a British port without first of all securing a port clearance is a punishable offence. The master of the *Tak Hop Lee* Junk made this mistake when he left Cheungchau harbour last evening. The error cost him \$25 at the Marine Court, this morning.

Mr. H. P. Dodge, First Secretary to the American Embassy in Tokyo, who acted as Chargé d'Affaires during the absence of an Ambassador, has transferred all the affairs of the Embassy to Mr. O'Brien, the new Ambassador. He will leave Japan for home shortly. Before his departure he will be granted a farewell audience by the Emperor of Japan.

IT is notified that bills of exchange of the nature of bearer money orders drawn by the General Post Office at Singapore, Straits Settlements, upon the General Post Office, at Hongkong, and certified by the superintendent of the Money Order Branch of the said General Post Office at Singapore shall be exempt from duty when the amount does not exceed \$100.

AN Order of His Majesty the King in Council is published in the *Gazette* giving effect to an agreement between the United Kingdom and Sweden signed at London on the 2nd of July, 1937, confirming as regards Sweden the Treaty of Extradition between the United Kingdom and Sweden and Norway of June 26th, 1873, and enlarging the list of offences contained in Article II. of that Treaty.

ANOTHER pony was found by Sergeant Appleton wandering about the streets of Yau-ma-tei yesterday night. The animal belonged to Wong Kan, a trader, of 39, Station Street, Mongkok, and he was arrested. To secure his liberty he deposited \$10 at the Station. On Wednesday morning, Mr. Hazland forfeited his bail money owing to the non-appearance of the accused when the case was called.

CHANDRA SING, a Yuhman employed by the Peak Tramway Company, took out a summons on the 14th inst., against the occupier of house No. 20, Elgin Street, in which disorderly conduct is alleged. The summons was returnable to-day, but owing to the want of evidence the case was adjourned. The "disorderly conduct," it was explained, was that the occupier of 23, Elgin Street, or somebody in his house, out of malice, flung a dead cat into the complainant's house.

THE N. C. D. News understands that H.E. Ting, Provincial Judge of Shansi, has been appointed to negotiate with the Peking Syndicate on behalf of the Province. On September 23 a meeting of students and gentry was held at Taiyuan and H.E. Ting was criticised for going to Peking to carry on the negotiations at the capital inst. of in Shansi. Since then the syndicate was adopted to the effect that the resolution should not be allowed in the Province on any condition.

EXCUSES are many and varied at the Police Court. A cook named Wong Fat, residing at 18, Temple Street, Yau-ma-tei, was banished from the Colony on the 18th April last. Last Friday afternoon, looking very important, he was recognised by a policeman who conducted him to the lock-up. Asked his reasons for returning to the Colony before the expiration of five years, Wong explained that "he had to come." He simply couldn't help it. A man owed him some money, he said, and he was here to make the man discharge the debt. Wong will be at liberty to return to Canton when he has done four hours' stocks and a year's hard labour.

INDIAN soldiers, butchers, bricklayers and carpenters and goodneers only know what took part in a free fight at Kowloon last Friday night. The commotion must have had a lively time all by themselves for a time until the arrival of Inspector Kerr when a few more cracked heads were averted. Two of the soldiers and three Chinamen were arrested. A number of bamboo poles, a pair of ammunition boots and an odd side-saddle, which the soldiers had taken off during the engagement to use as missiles, were picked up in the street by the police. The quartette were arraigned before Mr. F. A. H. Zealand, on Saturday morning, at the Police Court, on a charge of disorderly behaviour, and were fined \$5 each.

THE N. C. D. News of 7th inst. says:—A very interesting wedding was celebrated at the Synagogue Beth El yesterday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Beatrice Gomerally, daughter of Mr. Richard Gomerally, of Westbourne Grove, London, and Mr. M. de Messrs. David & Co. and editor of *Israel's Messenger*. The synagogue was beautifully decorated and a large number of friends were present. The bride was given away by Mr. John O'Shea, editor of the *Shanghai Times*, and the bridegroom was aided by Mr. J. B. T. de. The canopy was held by Messrs. L. Levy, M. Shilbeth, A. Anon and E. J. de. As the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's sister, No. 10, Quinson Road. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Myer leave to-day on a trip to the hills.

LEAVE of absence, to England, on private affairs, has been granted to Lieut. C. D. Drew, 1st Middlesex Regiment, for 8 months, from date of sailing probably about end of January, 1938.

It is reported that the Peking Government has consented to a Victory Road Shih-chang's application to float a foreign loan of Yen 50,000,000. Negotiations, it is rumored, will be opened with America.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending September 28, 1937, amounted to 19,105.85 tons and the sales during the same period to 15,935.15 tons.

THE *Gazette* contains the text of a Treaty of Extradition between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Panama, which was signed at Panama on the 25th of August, 1936, and the ratifications of which were exchanged on the 25th of April, 1937.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to an Ordinance for giving to a Foreign Company called the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij certain facilities for carrying on its business in the Colony.

ABORIGINALS in Northern Formosa have attacked a Japanese camphor expedition, cutting the telegraph and blocking the railway. The fate of the expedition is unknown fifteen miles away, but it is feared that it has been annihilated. The Government-General immediately dispatched 300 policemen to the scene.

THE N. C. D. News regrets to announce the death at the Hankow Hospital on Wednesday, 9th inst., from abscess of the liver of Lieutenant and Commander Percy Crabtree, V.R.C., V.D., M.C., a British subject, who was a wide circle of friends in Shanghai and who was at Hankow at the time of the sad occurrence.

A TELEGRAM from Newchwang states that the Victoria Hill Shih-chang has decided not to allow Messrs. Bush Brothers to exploit eighteen gold mines near Tungwa on the right bank of the Yalu. The latter are reported to be insisting firmly on the ratification of the concession which H.E. Tzeng Chi, the late Tartar General at Mukden, granted to them in 1902.

A WELL-KNOWN scamp, who was banished from the Colony some months ago and told not to return until five years had expired, was captured last night robbing a sampan. The thief—Yim Ling, who said he was a tailor—in the act of stealing a blanket and two pieces of clothing from sampan No. 45, when he was spotted by an Indian policeman standing on the praya wall. At the Police Court, on Tuesday, he was sentenced to a year's gaol for returning from banishment, and one month and six hours' stocks for the theft.

THE following officers have been appointed to the country cruiser *Kent* on re-commissioning as Colombo for a second tour of service on the China Station:—Lieut. T. R. Florde (first officer), C. F. Hewlett-Cooper, E. L. Grieve (second officer), D. M. Downes, L. T. C. Sackville-West, J. P. Landon; Engineer Commander H. T. Knappman; Engineer Lieutenant P. C. Spriddle and E. O. Green (re-appointed); Fleet Paymaster D. S. O. Grant; Engineer Sub-Lieutenant G. R. Evington; Chief Artificer Engineer J. H. D. Nicolls; Artificer Engineer J. Thomas; and Carpenter J. Edley.

A FILIPINO fireman aboard the steamer *Mauban*, lying at the Kowloon Docks, got himself into trouble last Tuesday. After coming off duty in the afternoon he could find nothing to do to keep himself busy. He therefore returned to the engine-room, where he found a coolie chipping one of the boilers. The fireman saw his chance and took a few minutes and amused himself by hammering the Chinaman. When he was finished the Chinaman gave him in charge for assault. He appeared before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, on Wednesday morning, at the Police Court, and paid a fine of \$2.

A MOST unfortunate accident, which, fortunately, did not end seriously, occurred last night in Queen's Road East. The victim was a British blue-jacket named John Sheridan; and he was a violent shake-up and a few bruises he was none the worse for his little experience. It appears that Sheridan was riding in a rickshaw along Queen's Road East shortly after nine o'clock last night. His rickshaw was speeding eastwards along the tram-track, with one wheel in the grooves. Just outside Wellington Barracks the vehicle was struck squarely at the back by an eastbound car—the number of which was either 26 or 27—and overturned. The driver was thrown to the ground and rendered unconscious. He was picked up by a few Europeans, who attended to him, and after a few minutes he recovered sufficiently to continue his journey.

WORK has now been begun on the Shanghai Bund in preparation for the two new passenger pontoons that are to be put into position in the middle of December. These pontoons, which will measure 140 ft. by 25 ft., and be approached by two bridges each, are now in course of construction at the Vulcan Iron Works, and their cost will be borne in equal proportions by the Municipal Council and the Consistory. To conform to the Conservancy normal line they will be moored fifty feet further than the present Hankow Road pontoon. The pontoons will be roofed, and will be used exclusively for mails and passengers, facilities being given to the Customs to examine passengers' luggage on the pontoons themselves. After they have been completed the Kiukiang Road and the Customs pontoons will also be moored further out to meet the requirements of the Conservancy Board.—N. C. D. News.

THE funeral of Mr. Shen Tze-wo, late commander of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. and also of the Russo-Chinese Bank, took place yesterday forenoon, says the N. C. D. News of 15th inst. It was a most gorgeous cortege, similar to all Chinese funerals, and was escorted by the Town Band and the Chinese Volunteer Band. The bier was also artistic, being covered with a very pretty "kiosk" of flowers, and borne by thirty-two bearers. The brougham of the deceased gentleman which preceded the coffin was profusely decorated with flowers. The late Mr. Shen Tze-wo was a native of the province of Szechwan, and was a member of the 8th Chinese Battalion of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and was other than a banking institution—but was adopted by the late Mr. Shen, commander of Messrs. Sassoon & Co. and the Russo-Chinese Bank, whose surname Mr. Shen Tze-wo took and succeeded in the post held by his late adopted father, who had no children.

Mr. John Chang-Law, of Penang, has been admitted a fellow of the Society of Anti-Engleland, being proposed by Mr. Lim Kow-Hong and seconded by Mr. Chua Choo-Koh, Justice of the Peace, Penang.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Donation: Charly fund \$100; A. S. Watson & Co. \$50; Robinson & Co. \$100.

Mr. Tarr's recent visit to Japan, being followed with the most extraordinary attention by the United States Press, and reports amounting to thousands of words, have been poured in from Nagasaki by the special correspondents.

The Chinese merchants of Sogito and Shingo in north-eastern Korea have secretly pledged themselves not to ship their cod in Japanese vessels. The American Silk Association is reported to have resolved to boycott the Japanese Silk Guild.

THE following details arrived from North China per s.s. *Kaulbach* on 14th inst.:—1st Middlesex Regt.: 11 N. C. O's and men; 1st Essex Regt.: One man en route to India; S. & T. Corps: 2 civil subordinates and 4 followers en route to India; 47th Sikhs: One man en route to India.

Messrs. Melchers & Co. write to point out, in connection with last Tuesday's leading article on shipping interests, that Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are not the owners but the agents of the steamers running between Bangkok and Swatow. These steamers, it is also explained, are the property of the Norddeutscher Lloyd and fly the German flag.

CHIN TING, twelve years of age, residing at 1, Kwok Hing Lane, was arrested yesterday on a charge of theft. A hawker, who lives in the same house, was the complainant and he accused Chang of removing \$50 from his trunk this morning, while he was asleep. At the Police Court, this morning, Chang pleaded guilty to the charge. He will have no use for anything in the way of chains for the next few days.

At the conference at Long Jun-yuan the Peking authorities have decided the following measures to protect the Chinese abroad and have wired to the Chinese Ministers to foreign countries to report upon the conditions of trade to the Board concerned from time to time:—

1.—To establish more consulates abroad.

2.—To establish schools for the Chinese abroad.

3.—To appoint honorary consuls from amongst the leading Chinese merchants abroad.

A GENERAL meeting of the Onoda Cement Company, of Onoda, Aom district, Yamaguchi Prefecture, last week adopted a proposal to construct a branch factory in the Kwantung district of Lintung, and increase the capital to ¥1,200,000. The present capital is ¥600,000 in 10,000 shares of ¥60 each, and the new shares for the increased capital will be allotted to all shareholders whose names were on the list on the 25th of last month—one new share for each old share—and the first call of ¥12.50 on each new share will be made on December 1st next.

A CANTON correspondent writes:—Yumchow, and the frontier of Kwang-shi is the place where Lieutenant General Kwok is manoeuvring his soldiers after his defeat of the rebels at Nading when the army was dispersed. Now, seeing that his manoeuvres have been successful so far, and his steady advance is more easily accomplished than by any other officer, at the same time as the guarding of Canton and Shui-hing is much more important, Mr. Kwok contemplates sending a petition to H.E. Viceroy Chang asking for leave to return to Canton. Besides the above reason, the foreign-dressed soldiers under him are all familiar with the physical conditions and geographical features of the Kwangchow and Shui-hing prefectures.

It is stated in a Tokio telegram of 4th inst. to the N. C. D. News, that, with reference to the telegrams reporting that a Canadian Commission was coming to Japan to negotiate on the subject of the restriction of Japanese immigration into Canada, it is stated here on reliable authority that the Government will not give its consent to any restriction, inasmuch as the immigration may be restricted, when the Canadian Government considers it necessary, with any form of physical restriction, however, would be regarded here as a contravention of the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty. Moreover, the bulk of the Japanese immigrants desirous of migrating to Canada have already left Hawaii, and it is not anticipated that such large numbers will invade Canada in the future.

IN the departure of Police Constable Edward Montague for the home land to-morrow, by the P. & O. liner *Colony*, the police force will have lost a capable and hard working officer and a worthy leader. Arriving in the Colony four and a half years ago, Police Constable Montague joined the police force, and some time later was transferred to the Water Police Station, where he became connected with many important cases. Soon after the memorable typhoon of the 18th September, 1936, in which Police Constable Montague, together with his colleagues, played a most important part in saving lives, his decision to fail until a few weeks ago when it was decided to invalid him. Prior to coming to the Far East, Police Constable Montague had served in the King's Own 15th Yorkshire Light Infantry for fifteen years, taking part in the Indian and African Campaigns. He is the holder of the Indian Campaign medal (two clasps), African Campaign Queen's medal (four clasps) and the King's medal (two clasps).

It is with regret that the *Shanghai Mercury* records the death, at the General Hospital to-day (12th inst.), of Mr. Leslie J. Dellow, Sub-Editor of the *China Gazette*. The deceased, who had only been in Shanghai since the beginning of last year, had been ailing for the past few weeks but it is only today that he was compelled to take to his bed. His case became so serious that Dr. Krig ordered his removal to the General Hospital and he died at noon to-day of a malignant meningitis and typhoid fever. A post-mortem examination was held this afternoon by Drs. Krig and Paulsen. Mr. Dellow was a member of the Journalists' Institute, and he comes from a well-known newspaper family in the north of England, his father being the late Mr. Dellow, Editor of the *London Chronicle*. Deceased had been brought up on the staff of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, from where he went to the *London Morning Leader*, where he held the position of sub-editor for two years. During the Russo-Chinese war he came out to the East and spent three years on the staff of the *Peking and Tientsin Times*. He was but 39 years of age and leaves a widow (who is now at home) to mourn his loss.

A COOLIE was found prowling on board the steamer *Kinkas* at three o'clock this morning. He was seen by one of the comrad's staff and handed over to a policeman. At the Police Court, this morning, the coolie, who said he was Chan Fuk, was charged with being found on board with felonious intent. He was given fifteen days' hard labour.

THE promoters of the Japan Steamship Company, having realised that the concern could not be successfully floated under present financial conditions in Japan, this stated, without a meeting in a few days to adopt an official resolution to wind up the concern. The share money paid by shareholders is said to amount to about ¥1,300,000, which will be refunded with interest at a fair rate. It is believed that the promoting expenses paid out will be borne by the steamship owners who have given support to the scheme.

At a regular convocation of the Naval and Military Royal Arch Chapter held in the Masonic Hall on the 15th inst., the election and installation of officers were successfully carried out by M. E. Comp. Morley, assisted by M. E. Comp. A. W. Hill and Dang Chee, owing to the unavoidable absence of M. E. Comp. Dr. C. R. Jordan. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: M. E. Z. M. Comp. J. M. Gibson, M. E. J. M. E. Comp. J. Smith, M. E. J. M. E. Comp. J. H. Hutchison, Scribe E. E. Comp. J. Blake, Scribe N. E. Comp. L. Stock, Treasurer M. E. Comp. A. Morley, P. Z., Prime Sojourner E. Comp. N. A. Johansson, Sec. Sojourner E. Comp. E. Stonehouse, Junr. S. Sojourner E. Comp. A. Coates, Chancellor E. Comp. W. H. W. Tait, Secretary E. Comp. G. Lindholm, and Janitor E. Comp. J. Vanston.

GOVERNOR-General Oshima of Kwantung and Governor Goto of the South Manchuria Railway are on a visit to Tokyo in connection with the simplification of the administrative machinery and the unification of diplomatic powers in Manchuria. Prominent Japanese propose the establishment of an Oriental Colonization Company, primarily to operate in Korea by sending well-qualified and organized immigrants to cultivate the barren lands there with the assistance of the proposed Colonial Bank. At the same time the Company would co-operate in assisting native farmers. These measures would secure sufficient increase in the revenue of Korea for administrative purposes, while the Japanese would obtain self-supplied food. Prince Ito and other influential personages support the scheme. It is not proposed, however, to carry it into effect for one year.

TONG FUK, a trader, brought an action in the court of jurisdiction Court, last Wednesday, before Mr. Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, acting Chief Justice, against one Wong Fat to recover \$105, balance due for work and labour done and material supplied. Mr. Crowther Smith, of Messrs. d'Almeida and Smith, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. A. Harding for the defendant. The plaintiff said that on the 17th April, 1935, he entered into a contract with the defendant to do certain work, which he had completed to do under the contract he had to make a tennis court at Dr. Wright's residence, to share the ground and roll it. He also agreed that the grass should be growing before the contract was finally completed. Witness was sub-contractor to the defendant. He denied that for a week at a time he had no men work on the lawn. Further evidence was heard, and judgment for the defendant was entered.

THE *Kohunin Shimshu* in a leading article states that America abandoned her traditional policy when she acquired the Hawaii and the Philippines Islands and co-operated with the Powers in the Pacific. Her relations with the Far East are now as close as those with Central and South America. Her diplomacy has entered upon a busier stage, and she is incurring greater military and naval expense. Would it not be more advantageous, asks the semi-official organ, to consolidate her position by concluding an alliance with a Great Power whose interests coincide with her own? The *Kohunin Shimshu* is disposed to regard the Pacific Cruise and the expansion of the United States may as well be regarded as an inclination for an alliance with another Power. It asks, "Is there any country other than Japan worthy to be America's ally in the Far East?" The article does not necessarily advance official views, but it reflects the opinion of the most influential section in Japan.

TEMPTATION was evidently too strong for two Chinamen who shuffled into the dock at the Police Court, last Saturday forenoon. A few days ago an ill-laden junk, it will be remembered, was burnt to the water's edge in the Karoon Anchorage at West Point. Soon after the blaze had been extinguished the owner of the derelict had it towed and beached at Cheung Hui-ao island, west of Stonecutters. On Thursday morning, in company with a number of henchmen, the junk master went over to Cheung Hui for the purpose of examining what was left of the craft to find out if it was advisable to have her repaired. To his astonishment, when he reached the island, he found a number of men busily engaged in heaving up the junk. He and his folk were successful in capturing two men, whom they turned over to the police on a charge of theft. The accused—"fishermen" they called themselves—were charged with the offence before Mr. Hazland. Inspector Kerr, who prosecuted, produced a number of saws, hammers, pickaxes, etc., the accused—"fishermen," to substantiate the charge. The thieves were provided with a home for three weeks.

The Ship's Passed Canal.

10th September—*Hakata Maru*, *Brigovita*, *Zetlin*, *Drusen*, *Bipon*, 13th September—*Prometheus*, *Salassi*, *Stentor*, *Asama*, *Jason*, *Candia*, *Glenmar*, *Nora*, 17th September—*Albena*, *Danishkaya*, *Smila*, *Whewell*, *Zoon*, *Scindia*, 20th September—*Arcturion*, *Ernst*, *Slavia*, *Danilomna*, *Mayana*, *Hiltschi Maru*, *Flint Sway*, *P. R. Lullford*, *Sade Maru*, *Acara*, *Sileneika*, 24th September—*Atholl*, *Verona*, *Sengambila*, 27th September—*Achillea*, *Kin*, *Polystein*, 1st October—*Ambrisa*, *Ben*, *Idji*, *Palkha*, *Sunda*, *Nigolia*, 4th October—*Onkin*, *Bingo Maru*, *Shilkh*, *Kanagawa Maru*, 5th October—*Erkarsop*, *Frans Ferd*, *Hoburg*, 11th October—*Calchas*, *Glenagay*, *Oodick*, *Saxonia*, *Lakris*, *Sydra*, *Towarna*.

Arrivals at Home—10th September—*Colombo Maru*, 13th September—*Willahad*, 17th September—*Ceylon Maru*, *Salassi*, *Zetlin*, *Hakata Maru*, 20th September—*Nyansa*, 27th September—*Sado Maru*, *Stentor*, *Prins Rind*, *Lullford*, 1st October—*Polystein*, *Scindia*, 2nd October—*Smila*, 8th October—*Kin*, 15th October—*Sunda*.

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Humidity 76.

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Sea S.W.

Barometer 30.0.

Direction of wind S.W.

Force of wind S.W.

Direction of sea S.W.

Force of sea S.W.

Direction of current S.W.

Force of current S.W.

Direction of tide S.W.

Force of tide S.W.

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Force of moon S.W.

Direction of stars S.W.

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Direction of planets S.W.

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## SUNDAY, 20th October.

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## MONDAY, 21st October.

S.S. SUI-AN at 7:30 A.M.	S.S. SUI TAI at 7:30 A.M.
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"PAUL BEAU"..... 8 A.M.	8:30 P.M.

## MONDAY, 21st October, 1907.

"PAUL BEAU"..... 8 A.M.	3 P.M.
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ LUDWIG" Capt. v. Blinzer	About TUESDAY, the 29th Oct., 1907.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. W. v. Senden	THURSDAY, Noon, 7th Nov., 1907.
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## THE DEVIL'S BARGES

He is just a poor coolie sitting on the edge of the canal up by the coal wharves at Port Said. Just opposite him in the canal a passenger boat is making ready to start, and with many a clank of the wheezing little donkey engine in the bows, the anchor is being pulled up. Plip, plop, the big bits of brown mud fall away from the fukes of the rusty anchor, as it is dragged into position, and, with a final tont on the whistle, the boat is off on its long journey to sunny lands. A little group of people has gathered in the bows, and a man takes off his big sun hat and waves at someone on shore.

The coolie sits staring out at the salt lake that glares with a fierce white light in the distance, wiping away the coal dust from his face with the ragged end of his dirty turban. That boat that just started has been the means of his earning a few pence to buy rice for the evening meal. For an hour or more he has been standing knee-deep in coal dust with a shovel raking up the coal in big shovelfuls and dumping it down into the wicker baskets to be carried up to the sides of the ship and poured into the bunkers that gape for food.

This life in the barges is what he has always been accustomed to, and what he does now he will do for many a year if his health will stand the heat and dust that finds his way to every crevice of his poor weak lungs. To-night he has been told to come down early to the wharves, for a big liner is on its way to India, and she will need a good feed after her long tramp across the blue waters of the Mediterranean. This will be a big job—not like coaling the little passenger boat that already is a speck in the distance down the slate-coloured waters of the canal. To-night there will be real hard work to be done with the chance of getting a few extra coppers that some interested passenger may throw down into the barge when it is emptied of coal.

The flies buzz round, and with a muttered oath the man stands up and stretches his long, thin arms above his head. Behind him, the one long street of Port Said reaches away into the heat and dust of the town. Donkeys, driven by brown-skinned donkey-boys, clatter over the cobbles, and the old tram clanks backwards down the street. Outside the shops stand the proprietors, shouting the excellence of their wares, and a band of young men pass down a side alley, accompanied by a guide, with his red fez and white clothes. From a hotel further down the road comes the sound of a small band, playing a once popular tune at the "Halla"; and, from the windows of a gambling hall, the croupier's cry of "Rien ne va plus" sounds from time to time. Port Said is for ever awake. Port Said cannot sleep; its people will not allow it. The very houses stare out into the sunlight with sleepless eyes, and days of vice and sin follow hard on one another's heels. Outside the harbour beyond the entrance to the canal the sea rolls in calmly, as if to cleanse the dirty beach, but its blue waters are tinged with scum and filth as they draw back. The tide neither advances nor recedes, and thus a rim of silt for ever encircles this ulcer of the East.

The coolie stands for a few moments in the full glare of the midday sun. There is nothing for him to do now, so, squatting down on his haunches, he pulls his little tin box from the folds of his turban and proceeds to smear a green leaf with the red beetel nut. As he eats, the blood-like juice runs from the corner of his mouth and his teeth. Wiping his mouth with the back of a dirty hand he closes the box with a snap and settles down to sleep against a heap of coal. The band at the café up the street is playing a new tune now, the croupier drops we rely on "Faites vos jeux, messieurs—faites vos jeux," and a fly settles on the sweating face of the coolie as he sleeps.

Out in the Mediterranean a liner thumps its way through the blue waters. The very beat of the engines seems hurried. They want food. The coolie turns on his side and brushes away the fly. A piece of coal falls with a little click into the empty lighter, bumping and scraping against the side of the wharf.

Dust everywhere. Dust and noise. The devils are at work in the barges.

In an endless stream the men pour up the sloping planks glistening like diamonds in the light of the electric lamps hung from the sides of the liner. Men, women, and children hurry with the wicker baskets on their heads to and fro, and, tilting the contents into the coal sho, jump down into the rapidly-emptying barge in a cloud of coal dust. The men at the bottom of the barges, their stark naked bodies shining with sweat, shovel the coal in feverish haste, whooping and shouting to one another. In the bows and stern of the boat two braziers of coal are burning. The smoke from them curls about and for a moment a tired coolie stands in the red glare from the burning coal, and the next moment he is running up the plank with a wicker basket on his head. Three hours of sweat, three hours of dust, little by little the eyes of the men die down. One by one the shovels are thrown into the barge, be water all round has the look of the solid earth—so covered is it with the dust that still falls from the open coal bunkers.

As the first barge floats away from its moor, in a beamy full, pressed youth puts his head through the canvas awning on deck and gazes for a moment on the scene.

"Here catch this, you filthy brutes," he draws ten little groups of men gathered together in the stern of the barge, as he throws a piece of silver out into the night.

The coal-braziers, like red eyes, wink and finally close altogether, as a train in the canal hides them from view.  
In the smoking-room of the comfortable liner the beautiful youth sits smoking a cigarette—a whisky and soda by his side. What of the coolie? Oh, he is dead drunk by now, asleep on the wharf with some of his comrades. A broken, brandy bottle lies by his side.—*Full Mail Gazette.*

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It is only in quite recent years that such an organisation has become possible. Long ago, after the great Lisbon earthquake in 1755, observers noted that open expanses of water in widely-separated countries had been agitated at about the time of the disaster, and they were quick to attribute the motion to pulsations in the soil which had radiated from the coast of Portugal. More than a century passed, and various European astronomers, notably M. Nyeu, of the Russian Observatory at Tulkovsk, in 1877 began to connect disturbances in the delicate adjustment of their levels with earthquakes in distant parts of the world. In 1883 Prof. Milne, who then occupied the Chair of Mining and Geology in the Imperial College of Engineering at Tokyo, anticipated the results of future investigations by declaring it to be "not unlikely that every large earthquake might with proper instrumental appliances be recorded at any point on the land surfaces of the globe."

#### JAPAN LEADS THE WAY.

Japan was at the time not only aspiring to a place among the Great Powers, but showing herself willing to learn the lessons of modern progress. Her island empire is remarkably subject to seismic disturbances, and the Yokohama earthquake of February, 1880, led to the formation of a Japanese Seismological Society. The Japanese Government lent its support to the movement, and in brief it may be said that in no country in the world has anything like so much been done as in Japan to advance the science of earthquakes and to study ways and means of mitigating their effects.

For many years Prof. Milne took a leading part in placing the investigation of earthquakes activity in Japan on a sound basis. In Europe and America other investigators were devoting a good deal of attention to the same subject, the work of Dr. E. von Rebeur-Paschwitz being deserving of special mention. Looking back, one cannot say that here or there seismology had its birth like Topsy; it has "just grown." The study of comparative records is, however, essential to the continued advance of the science, and it is for this purpose that Prof. Milne has devoted himself since his return to this country to building up an international organisation which now embraces about 30 stations in different parts of the Empire and in foreign countries. In securing the co-operation of these stations in the first instance Prof. Milne enjoyed the support both of the Foreign Office and of the Colonial Office, but in the way of subsidy the organisation has not cost the nation a penny piece. Some of the foreign countries and self-governing colonies which furnish and receive earthquake records have established seismological stations of their own; but a number of stations have been supplied with instruments, in a few instances out of Prof. Milne's own pocket and in other cases out of grants which he has received from the Royal Society and from the British Association.

AWAKENING OF ZEAL. To-morrow there is to commence at The Hague a conference of the International Association of Seismology, writes S. C. Gilmore, F.R.S., in the Morning Leader of 20th ult. This will be the third international congress on the subject of earthquake study. The first two were both held at Strasbourg, one in April, 1903, and the other in July, 1903. The International Association of Seismology was established at these congresses, provision being made in the statutes for the creation of a Central Bureau. This bureau has actually been at work for some time past at Strasbourg, under the directorship of Prof. Gerland.

It was also provided that the contributing Governments—the association is one of States, not of individuals—should guarantee for the working of the bureau £1,000 a year for twelve years, payment being proportional to population. Great Britain was represented at the last congress, but has hitherto held aloof from the scheme, which virtually duplicates in an official form the organisation established by Prof. Milne. France has also held aloof, partly perhaps on account of the memories attaching to Strasbourg. The movement thus lacked the support of the two Powers whose co-operation was especially desired on account of the extent of their colonial possessions. Now, however, it is understood that both France and Great Britain have given their adhesion to the scheme.

Whether in these circumstances the organisation that now centres at Shide can be maintained unimpeded must be open to grave doubt. The question is not merely of academic interest. Over and above humanitarian considerations, British capital to an enormous value is interested, both directly and through insurance companies, in the erection in earthquake areas of buildings that will bear resist earthquake shocks.

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The prospect of the displacement of the country by Germany, as the centre of international co-operation must naturally be viewed with some concern. No doubt at Strasbourg, as at Shide, the work will be pursued in a spirit of absolute scientific impartiality, and the results obtained will be published for the benefit of all. None the less, the country which shall make itself the centre of international co-operation in matters relating to earthquake activity and the minimising of its consequences will necessarily confer a great advantage on its business men.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1907.

**NOTICE.**

THE Public are hereby informed that change has been made in the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph and they are warned against paying more than Ten CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.

**THE MANAGER, Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.**

Hongkong, 16th October, 1907.



The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 7 p.m., on 17th inst., and left again at 4 a.m., Friday, for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m., on 20th inst.



## Telegrams.

[Reuter's.]

## Explosion of Powder Works.

London, 16th October.  
By an explosion at a powder mill at Fontenay, in Indiana, 25 persons have been killed, 600 injured and 1,200 rendered homeless. Every building within a radius of half-a-mile was wrecked.

## Japanese in San Francisco.

Ten Japanese have been injured in an attack by drunken whites on a laundry in San Francisco.  
The police dispersed the rioters.

Later.

## Result of the Cesarewath.

- 1.—Demure.
- 2.—White Knight.
- 3.—Wuffy.

Betting at the start—4 to 1, 100 to 8, 10 to 1 against, respectively.  
Thirteen started.  
The race was won by three-quarters of a length, with three lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

## Torrential Rains in Scotland.

Torrential rains have occurred in the South of Scotland causing much destruction to the grain crops and sheep.  
The railways are interrupted and some of the Glasgow suburban lines are flooded with seventeen feet of water.  
Some washouts have also occurred in the suburbs of Glasgow.

## The Emperor Francis Joseph.

The health of the Emperor Francis Joseph shows a distinct improvement.

## Obituary.

The death of Cardinal Steinhilber is announced.

## LIKIN AT SHANGHAI.

The Peking correspondent of the N. C. D. News writes on 7th inst.—Viceroy Tsan Fang has telegraphed to the Vauwpu concerning the levying of likin taxes upon foreign rice and other goods at Pootung. He states that at the instance of Messrs. Liberty and Co., H. B. M. Consul-General at Shanghai has officially written to him about the collection of likin taxes upon a certain quantity of foreign rice imported by the said British firm. According to the report of the Customs, Taotai of Shanghai, all foreign goods are to be considered as exported from one port to another as soon as they leave the limit of the foreign concessions, and inasmuch as the rice in question was discharged at Pootung directly from steamers for transporting to the foreign settlement, the owners should pay the usual likin tax in accordance with existing regulations. But the British representative is of opinion that such tax was levied by the Chinese authorities before upon foreign goods discharged at the various godowns at Pootung for transporting to the foreign settlements, and that as the foreign firms had paid duties for them at the Customs House, it would be quite absurd to prohibit them from transferring the same to the foreign concessions without paying likin taxes. He urges that no precedent exists for such a course which is entirely contrary to the spirit of the treaties and requests H.E. Tsan to instruct the likin office at Shanghai to return the money collected on the rice and to release the rice boats from their custody. Moreover, as the rice has been damaged on account of its long detention at Pootung, the Chinese officials are asked to pay compensation to the British consignees.

Taotai Jui Chong reports that in a recent conversation with the Acting German Consul-General at Shanghai, it was mutually agreed (?) that the action of the Chinese-Likin Office did not constitute a violation of Treaty obligations if the place (Pootung) and the existing regulations were taken into consideration.  
His Honour has been instructed to settle the dispute with the British authorities in an amicable manner and to notify the Acting German Consul-General for the information of German merchants, so as to prevent trouble on both sides when similar cases arise. Viceroy Tsan adds that as the rice boats belonging to Messrs. Liberty & Co. were caught by the revenue boat of the Chinese Likin Office opposite to the French Concession on their way to the International Settlement, North of Yangkingpang, the Chinese authorities have every right by existing Treaties to levy likin in the same way as they would on Chinese goods.

## JAPANESE FINANCE.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S DILEMMA.

Of the Bonds to be issued by the Japanese Government for last year, ¥79,000,000 still remain unissued. We are informed that, of this amount, the Loans for ¥16,000,000 required for the extension of the Imperial Iron Foundry and the telephone service must be issued before the end of this month for the purpose of settling the accounts. But the present financial condition being considered unfavourable for the issue, the Bonds will be entirely taken up by the Deposit Bureau in the Finance Department. The balance of ¥63,000,000 belongs to the reserve of the special emergency fund, and the bulk of this sum is appropriated for the restoration of the Army and Navy to their former state of efficiency. What is to be done with this issue is not yet decided by the Government, but it is expected to be carried forward to next year.—Japan Chronicle.

## CANTON DAY BY DAY.

## TOUR OF INSPECTION DEFERRED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 17th October.  
H.E. the Viceroy, on assuming charge of office here, was desirous of making a tour of inspection to the different prefectures of the province, but up to the present he has been unable to do so, owing to a bad foot, so that this proposed tour of inspection will not be undertaken for some time to come. H.E. is now undergoing medical treatment, and is progressing favourably.

## LAWLESSNESS IN YUMCHOW.

It is reported that, on the 28th day of the 8th moon, the bandits in the prefecture of Yumchow attacked a college in the vicinity of the market town of Na Ling and, on the following evening, the house of a gentleman surnamed Li, who was the director of this college, was attacked and burnt down by them. The insurgents have also murdered a man in the same market-place.

## A DEGRADED OFFICIAL.

Taotai Wong Wo, the former Taotai of the circuit of the prefectures of Yumchow and Linchow, who was displaced from office for neglect of duty in not taking the necessary steps to suppress the recent riots there, has, in addition to his dismissal, been ordered to be escorted to Canton to be tried before the authorities for his neglect. H.E. Viceroy Chang has sent a waiyuan to Yumchow to escort this degraded official to Canton.

## SILK INDUSTRY.

The Canton authorities have deputed Taotai Ma Yum-tong to the province of Chekiang to study and investigate the system of the sericulture industry in that province, with a view to introducing the system to the Southern port, as the methods employed in silk-worm rearing now adopted in Canton and the district is not up-to-date and is unsuitable.

## MATERIAL FOR CEMENT.

In a certain part of Whampoa, the sand found in some of the places has been discovered to be suitable for the manufacture of cement. The director of the Government Canton Cement Factory in Honan, yesterday, in company with a cement manufacture expert, proceeded to Whampoa to make an examination of the material found.

## A THEATRE DRAWL.

On the 15th instant, when a theatrical performance was going on in a theatre in the market town of Kuit Lee, in the district of Hamhoi, a disturbance arose between some of the spectators, with the result that one man was killed and another wounded by shots fired from revolvers. A famous actor, named Siu Lai-seung, narrowly escaped being injured, as he received a shot which passed through his clothing.

## PRISONER EXECUTED.

Yesterday, a robber, named Kung Kai, who was extradited to Canton from Hongkong a short time ago, was taken out of the Namhoi Gaoi to the Execution Grounds, where he was beheaded. This man was found guilty on the charge of having committed armed robbery in the province of Kwangtung. The British Consul-General at Canton was requested to be present to witness the prisoner undergo his final punishment.

## AN ENGAGEMENT WITH INSURGENTS.

On the 1st instant, Taotai Kwok Jen-chang, commander of troops in the prefecture of Yumchow, received information that a large number of insurgents were congregated at a place called Kwei Tai. Taotai Kwok attacked them with a strong force of troops. It was raining heavily at the time of the engagement, but, nevertheless, he succeeded in killing a number of the bandits. This victory over the rebels has now been reported to the authorities at Canton by telegraph.

## FORTHCOMING WEDDING.

The aged mother of the present Junior Lieutenant Tatar General of Canton, Li Kwok Gai, arrived here yesterday to attend his son's marriage with the niece of H.E. Yang Sie-hiang, the present Viceroy of the province of Chihli, which has been arranged to take place on the 30th day of the present moon (the 26th instant).

## OFFICIAL TRANSFERS.

The officials, named Chu Chi-ying, Chow Hok-see and Tsai Kwok-ying, of the Canton Police Department, have been transferred to the prefecture of Yumchow to help Taotai Kung Sun Tsan to carry out his reform scheme of the police force of that place, and have left for the South in company with Taotai Kung. Expectant magistrates Yu Yu Kwan, Li Hung-kwan, and Pao Wun Wing have been appointed to succeed the above officials in the Canton Police Department.

It is reported that H.E. the Viceroy contemplates the following changes amongst the local officials. The present Shiu Hing Prefect, Lai Ching-king, will be appointed Kwangchow Prefect vice Chao Mong Tsang; Chuk Lun-ming as magistrate of Nambol vice Magistrate, Cheong Yu Yu Kwan, former Nambol magistrate, as magistrate of Panyu vice Lai Hing-tong, who will be appointed magistrate of the district of Hongshan vice magistrate Ching. These appointments have not yet been confirmed.

## ANOTHER LITERARY VENTURE.

Another Chinese illustrated paper will make its appearance in Canton in a few days' time, when the city will have in all three illustrated papers. This paper will make its appearance once a week, whilst the other two appear once every ten days.

A COOLIE was found crawling on board the steamer *Kishan* at three o'clock this morning. He was seen by one of the commodore's staff and handed over to a policeman. At the Police Court, this morning, the coolie, who said he was Chan Fuk, was charged with being found on board with felonious intent. He was given fifteen days' hard labour.

## THE HONGKONG RECORD.

## ADVERTISEMENTS, STARTS OF MONDAY.

The October Criminal Sessions were opened and adjourned till Monday, 22nd October, at 10 o'clock, when the trial of *Wong* for the murder of Gertrude *Wong* will open before a special jury.

## WRECK OF A JAPANESE STEAMER.

## CAPTAIN AT YOKOHAMA.

On the night of August 30th, 1907, the American schooner *Carrie* and *Annie*, a whaling vessel of San Francisco, lately out from port of Honolulu and with but one whale to her credit, was wrecked on the shore of Shanghai Bay in the Sea of Okhotsk, Siberia. She had been withstanding the heavy on-shore gale for some hours when one of her two anchors had its cable part. The ship dragged, and bit by bit she was driven on the sandy shore. In the night the hull was completely broken amidships although the vessel still held together. No hands were lost, and at daylight the captain, two mates and crew of twenty left in safety and proceeded to Vladivostok overland. Thence they came by the *Zemgomon* of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, arriving at Tsuruga on October 4th, and proceeded to Yokohama by train. Upon arrival, says the *Japan Advertiser*, they proceeded to the American Consulate-General, being accompanied no less than sixty men apiece by the rikshamen for the ride from the station to the Consulate-General by the way, where they were taken under the wing of the U.S. Government. They will be sent home to San Francisco by the first available steamer.

The *Carrie* and *Annie* is said by Captain F. Y. Thomas and First Mate Bertoni to be above high-water mark and a total loss.

## H. M. CONSULATE-GENERAL AT SHANGHAI.

Several changes in the staff of the H. M. Consulate-General are shortly to take place, says the N. C. D. News. This week Mr. B. Twyman, H. M. Vice-Consul, leaves for Hoihow, where he has been appointed Acting Consul, and his place will be taken by Mr. F. E. Wilkinson, while Mr. W. P. M. Russell, hitherto in charge of the Land Office, is also to leave this month for another post. The departure of Mr. Twyman deprives the Consulate-General and the community of an able and hard-working official who combined real and administrative talent with a maximum of self-efficiency. His strength of character enabled him as British Assessor to pull through a grave crisis with considerable credit to himself and benefit to the Settlement. But for the congested state of the Consular service, a bigger post might have been expected for Mr. Twyman's first promotion from Shanghai, but in Hoihow he will find a post of growing international importance, while both the island and the mainland offer many attractions as comparatively new ground in the foreigner. He carries with him the best wishes of his colleagues and his other friends for a successful career.

## A CORNER IN PORK.

The fact that no supervision is exercised over the supply of pork sold in the Settlement of Shanghai led to the establishment of extensive pig slaughtering yards a little over two years ago. The new premises were fitted with all necessary details to ensure cleanliness and effective handling on a large scale. All that was wanting to give success to the enterprise was the consent of the Chinese pork butchers to pay the fee charged by the company, for they preferred to send their pigs to the old shambles near the North Honan Road Extension, where on irksome supervision was met and pigs of all conditions were free to pass into the daily pork supply of Shanghai. As the Chinese are almost the sole consumers of fresh pork here, the matter was left to them. Thus the new company closed down after a brief but determined effort to capture the trade. Quite recently other proprietors have taken over the yards and again a crusade was started to secure the profitable business, which would result if, say, fifty cents per head were received for each of about 300 pigs a day which are slaughtered at the old yards. The new yards are situated in Kashing Road and for some distance pigs being taken to the shambles and the yards from the shops would travel along the same road.

On Saturday last, reports the N. C. D. News of 15th inst., as the droves were being taken along some Chinese accompanied by a foreigner headed off the pigs and succeeded in having the animals taken to the private yards. It appears that some of the pork butchers believed that the new yards were the property of the Municipal Council, but all were agreed not to pay the dues not to patronize the yards in any circumstances. Consequently no pigs were killed on Saturday and Sunday last, and but little since. Some reasonable Chinese, however, reported the circumstances to the police on the Saturday; two detectives were sent to the Kashing yards and they liberated the pigs forthwith. Since then the old methods of killing have been resumed. The new yards it may be added are in every way suitable for slaughtering and it would be a lasting benefit to the native community if all pigs were inspected, and killed under such cleanly circumstances; but that reformation cannot be obtained by force.

It is understood that two Chinese will be proceeded against in connection with Saturday's *contempt*.

The South Manchuria Railway has arranged with the Osaka Seiben Kaisha, for the opening next spring of a steamship service between Aikwa and South China.

## Today's Advertisements.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & S. N. Co.'s Steamer  
*ARCADIA*  
FROM HAMBURG, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.  
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods must be landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, and sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—  
From London, etc., ex S.S. *China*.  
From Penang, Galle, ex B.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary, before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 32nd inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship  
"JAPAN,"  
Captain J. C. Ollent, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified Doctor.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A mixed foursomes competition (medal play) under sealed handicap was held at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon (Thursday, 17th October, 1907) and was won by Mrs. Keswick and Mr. T. S. Forrest who returned a good scratch score of 74. The following cards were also sent in:

Mrs. Vaughan-Lee & Mr. Swan, R.M. 85—9=76  
Mrs. & Mr. W. J. Saunders..... 86—9=77  
Mrs. Moxon & Mr. Grist..... 82—4=78  
Miss Wilkinson & Mr. Wilson, R.M. 88—10=78  
Mrs. D'Esterre & Capt. Beeham..... 91—13=78  
Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Mackay..... 87—8=79  
Mr. Dooper & Mr. Murray..... 92—12=80  
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Slade..... 94—14=80  
Mrs. Hallifax & Mr. Hutchison..... 86—4=82  
Dr. & Mrs. Baiss..... 94—10=84  
Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Ram..... 98—14=84  
Mrs. Cameron & Mr. Moxon..... 100—14=86  
Dr. & Mrs. Harston..... 101—14=87  
Miss Carr & Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson 101—14=87  
Miss Chatham & Mr. T. C. Gray..... 105—12=93

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club against the Navy to-morrow afternoon, on the Club ground, at 5 p.m. sharp. The Club playing in Club jerseys.

Backs: D. Johnson; three-quarters: A. A. Claxton, F. C. Carroll, J. G. Lecky, W. J. Daniel (capt); halves: L. J. Blackburne and A. S. Kempthorne; forwards: F. C. Hall, R. G. Munro, G. D. McIlraith, E. C. East, F. J. McGregor, C. B. Hayward, M. H. Logan and White, H.K.S.B.R.G.A.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.  
London—Bank T.T. .... 2/0 1/16  
Do. demand ..... 2/0 1/16  
Do. months' sight ..... 2/1 1/16  
France—Bank T.T. .... 2/2 3/8  
America—Bank T.T. .... 50  
Germany—Bank T.T. .... 2/10  
India T.T. .... 1/5 3/4  
Do. demand ..... 1/5 3/4  
Shanghai—Bank T.T. .... 7 1/2  
Singapore T.T. .... 12 1/2 prem.  
Japan—Bank T.T. .... 100  
Java—Bank T.T. .... 12 1/2  
Buying.  
4 months' sight L/C ..... 2/1 1/16  
6 months' sight L/C ..... 2/1 7/16  
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York ..... 5 1/2  
4 months' sight do. .... 5 1/2  
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne ..... 2 1/2  
6 months' sight France ..... 2 1/2  
6 months' sight ..... 2 1/2  
4 months' sight Germany ..... 2 1/2  
Bay Silver ..... 28 1/16  
Bank of England rate ..... 48 1/2  
Bank of France ..... 53 1/2  
Sovereign ..... 9 1/8

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—  
Malwa New ..... @ 850  
Do. Old ..... @ 970  
Do. Older ..... @ 1,000  
Patna New ..... @ 907 1/2  
Do. Old ..... @ 880/895  
Bourbon New ..... @ 870/880  
Do. Old ..... @ 870/880  
Foreign (Paper) ..... @ —

## Today's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## —MENU—

SATURDAY, October 19th, 1907.

## DINNER.

HORS D'OEUVRES.

Sardines on Toast.

Soup.

Mock Turtle.

Fish.

Boiled Fish and Shrimp Sauce.

ENTREES.

Veal Cutlets and Green Peas.

Rolled Shoulder of Mutton and Onion Sauce.

Paties a la Toulouise.

CURRY.

Ox Brain.

JOINTS, &amp;c.

Roast Sicilian of Beef and Baked Potatoes.

Roast Capon and Sausage.

Boiled Australian Bacon and Spinach.

Cold Bologna Sausage (Fresh) &amp; Mixed Salad.

SWEETS.

Plum Pudding.

Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

Cheese Straws.

DESSERT.

Coffee.

Fruits.

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Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

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## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

## MENT.

It is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that FIELD FIRING will be carried out as under:—  
On the slope of Beacon Hill in a North-Westerly direction, between 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. on the 19th and 25th instant.  
From Custom's Pass in a Westerly direction towards Kan-lung Peak on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th instant.

F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1907.

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## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"

Captain W. A. Evans, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, 24th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

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## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

## THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SITHONIA,"

Captain Bremher, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.  
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th inst., at 3 P.M.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

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## NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

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THE Steamship

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th of October, will be subject to rent.  
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th of October, at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS &amp; Co.,

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Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1907.

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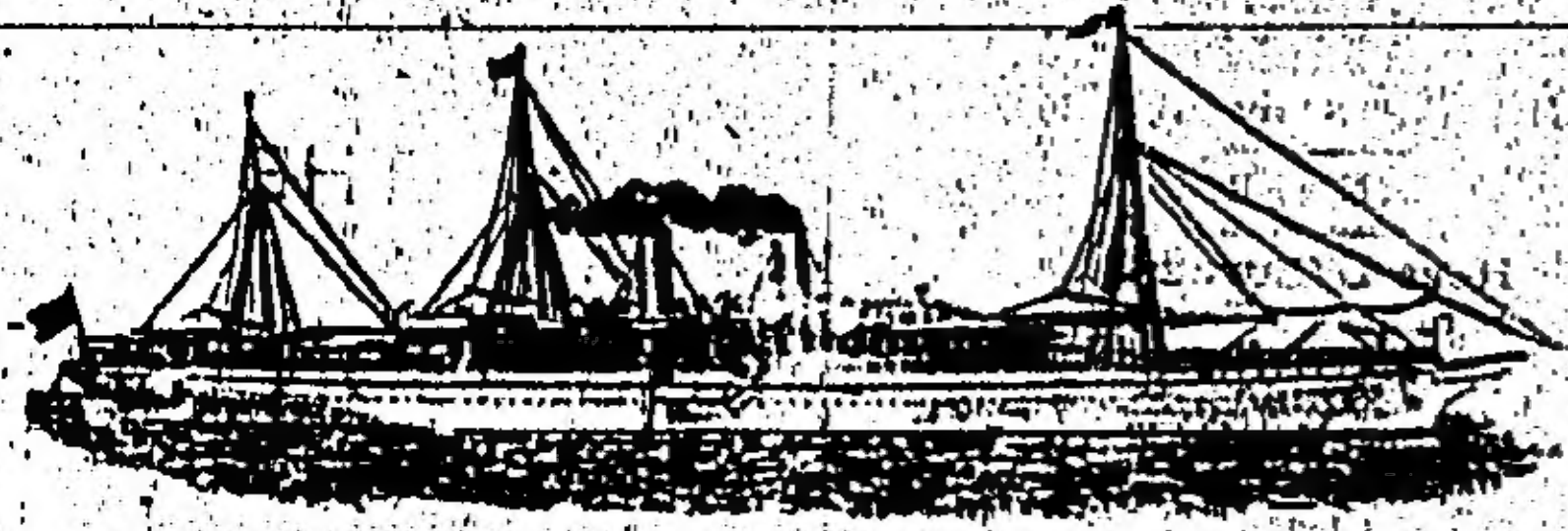
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Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

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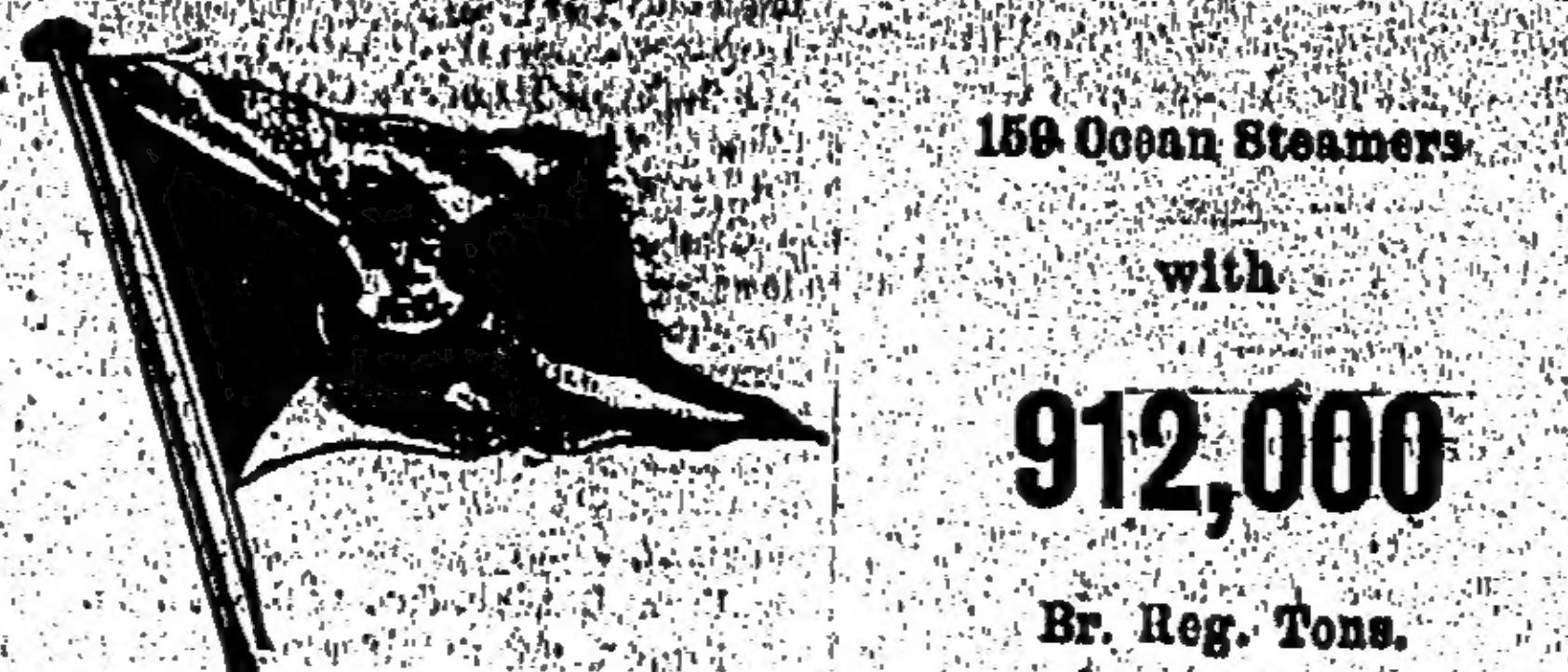
Steamship: OCEAN MONARCH. To sail: On the 2nd November, 1907.

For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1907.

Shipping—Steamers.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.



150 Ocean Steamers.

912,000 Br. Reg. Tons.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

RHENANIA, HAMBURG, HOHENSTAUFEN, SILESIA, SCANDIA.

HIGHEST COMFORT, ONLY LOWER BERTHS.

Laundry on board, Doctor, Stewards carried.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Departure Date. Includes ships like SILESIA, SCANDIA, etc.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

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Connecting at Tacoma with NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C. and TACOMA.

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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\* Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDES.

The twin-screw S.S. Shawmut and Tremont are fitted with very superior accommodation for first and second class passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Queens Buildings, Hongkong, 4th October, 1907.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, (Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship "EMPIRE," Captain Helms, will be despatched at above on SATURDAY, the 16th inst., at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c. throughout the voyage. The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A. Hewardson, a duly qualified Surgeon, is carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1907.

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE Steamship "GULF OF VENICE," will be despatched for VLADIVOSTOCK (via SHANGHAI), on or about 26th October.

For Freight and further Particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, CALLAO AND IQUIQUE via JAPAN PORTS (KARATSU, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA).

With option to call at MEXICAN and other Coast ports.

Steamers: KATHERINE PARK, KARATO MARU.

Taking Freight and Passengers to other Eastern and Western Coast ports of South America in connection with Steamers of the P. & O. N. Co.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to K. MATSUDA, Manager, Yokohama Building.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1907.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL. (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

S.S. "KWONG TUNG" Capt. H. W. WALKER. "KWONG SAI" Capt. E. S. CROWE.

Leave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every evening, (Saturday excepted).

Leave Canton for Hongkong at 5.30 every evening, (Sunday excepted).

These Fine New Steamers have excellent Accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in First Class Cabins.

Passage Fare—Single Journey.....\$4. Meals.....\$1.35 each.

The Company's Wharf is situated in front of the New Western Market, opposite the old Harbour Office.

VUEN ON S.S. CO., LD., and SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1907.

For Sale.

KUHN & KOMOR'S ART CURIOS STORE.

will be RE-OPENED on the 7th inst. at No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD (under Connaught Hotel),

AND A CLEARANCE SALE AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES will be held to the END OF THIS MONTH. INSPECTION CORDIALLY INVITED.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1907.

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1907.

SELF CURE NO FICTION! MARVEL UPON MARVEL! NO SUFFERER NEARLY NOW DESPAIR.

But with a single doctor's bill or falling into the deep ditch of quackery, you can easily speedily and economically cure yourself without the knowledge of a "quack" or "quackery."

By the introduction of THERAPION No. 3—A Sore Throat Cure.

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WEATHER FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station, a Tsim Sha Teui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

Signal No. 1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

Signal No. 2. A CONE point upwards and "UM" below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

Signal No. 3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

Signal No. 4. A CONE point downwards and "UM" below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

Signal No. 5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

Signal No. 6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

Signal No. 7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

Signal No. 8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Signal No. 9. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

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IN A FLOODED MINE FOR NINE DAYS.

STORY OF AUSTRALIAN DIVER'S GALATHEA.

In the front pages of the "Gazette" of last night (Sept. 17) there is a brilliant and of a diver's gallantry in far-away Western Australia, which has just received royal recognition.

The hero is Mr. Frank Hughes, who has been awarded the Albert Medal of the second class for gallantry in saving life at a flooded mine at Bonnieville, Western Australia.

On 19. March, 1







## SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIS &amp; Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ALUM.	AD-UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
<b>BANKS.</b>								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (new)	80,000	115	115	£1,000,000	\$1,597.07	£1.15/- for 1-year end ng 30.6.07 @ ex 1/2 3/6 1600	5 2	\$550 buyers \$55 b. new ls. London 277.17
National Bank of China, Limited	100,000	17	16	£1,275,000	\$71.23	£2 London 3.6 n 1905	7 1	\$51
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	250	10	£1,750,000	£23.63	£20 10/1005	7 1	\$290
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	115	15	£1,100,000	£18.55	Interim of 7/6 for account 1906 @ ex 2/10 11 16 per cent	6 2	£18.75
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,000	250	100	£1,000,000	£460.40	Final of \$12 making \$4 for 1905 and Interim of 13 for 1906	5 1	\$765 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	100	50	£1,000,000	£461.67	£1 year ending 31.12.5	7 1	\$165 sellers
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	100	50	£1,000,000	£26.98	\$1 and bonus \$2 for 1905	9 1	\$86
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	250	50	£1,000,000	£435.25	£20 10/1005	13 1	\$50 buyers
<b>SHIPPING.</b>								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	50	50	£1,000,000	£305	£1 10/6	6 1	\$15 buyers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	50	50	£1,000,000	Nil	£4 year end ng 30.6.07	10 1	\$37
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	10,000	115	115	£1,000,000	£27.10	£1 for 1st half-year ending 30.6.07	7 1	\$27 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	10,000	5	5	£1,000,000	£3694	£5 for 1906 @ ex 2/2 1/2 = \$2.74 per share	3 2	\$41 sellers \$29 sellers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	50	50	£1,000,000	£13.37	Interim of £1.14 for account 1907	12 2	£18.41 sales
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	1	1	£1,000,000	£72.37	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 8 for a/c 1907	4 1	£43/- buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	110	55	£1,000,000	£137	£1.00 for year ending 30.4.1907	4 1	\$21 sales \$10 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	110	10	£1,000,000	£8.73	Final of £1.14 making £1.6 for 1906	12 1	£18.48 buyers
<b>REFINERIES.</b>								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	100	100	£1,000,000	£9.28	£8 for year ending 31.12.06	8 2	\$300 buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	100	100	£1,000,000	£8.93	£1 for 1907	4 1	\$27
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	100	50	£1,000,000	£8.93	£1.2 (8%) for year end ng 31.8.06	4 1	£18.71 buyers
<b>MINING.</b>								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	1	1	£1,000,000	£12.54	Interim of 1/6 for a/c year ending 28.2.07	4 2	£18.15 sellers
Kath Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	1	1	£1,000,000	£11.35	£0.12 of 1/- = 48 cents	5 1	\$9
<b>DOCKS, WHARVES &amp; GODOWNS.</b>								
Ferwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	125	25	£1,000,000	£10.33	£1.25 for year ending 31.12.06	10 1	\$17
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	10	£1,000,000	£3.07	Interim of £2 for six months ending June 30th 1907	6 2	\$67
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	10	£1,000,000	£491.58	£4 for 1st half-year end ng June 30th, 1907	8 1	\$102
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	5,700	100	100	£1,000,000	£10.45	£1.5 for year ending 10th April 1907	4 2	£18.73
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£23.17	Interim of £1.8 for account 1907	9 2	£18.20
<b>LANDS, HOTELS &amp; BUILDINGS.</b>								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£15.00	£1.5 for 14 months ending 28.2.07	6 2	£18.103
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	10,000	125	25	£1,000,000	£10.08	£1.80 for 1906	13 1	\$23 sellers \$14
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	115	115	£1,000,000	£41.78	£4 for 1st half-year ending 30.6.07	10 2	\$100 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	10,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£10.25	Interim of \$3 1/2 for half year ending 30.6.07	7 1	\$74
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	10,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£10.25	£0 cents for 1906	7 1	\$104 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	10,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.57	£2 1/2 for 1906	7 2	\$36
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£10.89	Interim of £1.3 for account 1907	7 1	£18.101 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.07	Interim of \$2 for half year ending June 30th	8 1	\$48
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.51			
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>								
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.50	£1.10 for year ended 31.10.1906	10 1	£18.60 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	15,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.50	50 cents for year ending 31.7.07	4 2	\$104
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.50	£1.6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8%)	11 1	£18.54
Lao-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.50	£1.3 for 1906	8 1	£18.90
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	10,000	110	100	£1,000,000	£11.50	£1.50 for 1906	11 1	£18.280 sellers
<b>METALLURGY.</b>								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	1,000	126	126	£1,000,000	£2.99	1/3 per share for 1906	9 2	\$63
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£3 for 1905	10 1	\$20 sellers \$10 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	1,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£1 for 1904	10 1	£18.50 buyers
China Flour Mill Co., Limited	1,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Final of £1.5 making £1.10 for 1905	10 1	£18.50 buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	1,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£0 cents for year ended 31.2.06	10 1	£18.50 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£0 cents for 1906	10 1	£18.50 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£1.50 for year ending 31.7.7	7 1	\$164
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	100,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of 50 cents per share for a/c 1907	8 1	\$1.1 sales
Hall & Flott, Limited	11,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£2 1/2 for year ending 28.2.07	11 1	\$201 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£1 per share for year ending 28.2.07	7 2	\$141 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of \$4 for 1-year ending June 30th '07	9 1	\$24
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of 80 cents per share for a/c 1907	8 2	\$251 buyers
Maatshappij (ut. Mijn. Bosch en Landbouw) platte in Langkat, Limited	25,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Third interim of £1.71 making £1.21 for a/c 1907	9 2	£18.33 sales
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£1 per share for period 19th Oct. to 30th Apr. '07	8 1	\$12 buyers \$2 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	7,500	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	None	10 1	\$5 buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of £1.31 for account 1907	7 1	£18.107 sales
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., Ltd.	11,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£1.4 for 1905	10 1	£18.40 sellers
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	4,500	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Final of £1.5 and £1.10 for 1906	10 1	£18.66 buyers
Shanghai Sun and Tobacco Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of £1.5 for a/c 1907	8 1	£18.15 sales
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	8,175	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of 15/- for account 1907	10 1	£18.310 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	7,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Interim of 15/- for account 1907	10 1	£18.280 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	None	10 1	\$6
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	1,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£0.4 for year ending 30.4.07	10 1	£18.97
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	10,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	First year	10 1	\$13
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	£0.1 on 9,000 ord. shares and 1.8 on 100 Founders shares	8 2	\$10
Watson, A. S. & Co., Limited	10,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Final of 4 cents per share making 80 cents for year ending 31.12.07	7 1	\$11
William Powell, Limited	5,000	110	110	£1,000,000	£2.53	Final of 3 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1907	10 1	\$51 buyers

\* These shares are entitled to half of the profits.

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S.S. ERNEST SIMONS, 19th Nov.  
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S.S. POLYNESIE, 10th Dec.  
S.S. TOURANE, 24th Dec.

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